# **10 CHALLENGES**

#### to regain control over your screens

# Clean it up!

Turn off all visual and audio notifications that aren't essential. Place some apps from your home screen in folders so they aren't as easy to get to.



Are you having a conversation, or sitting in class? Turn off your screens and be fully present. It feels good!

# Avoid binging.

Adjust the settings so they stop after a predetermined amount of viewing time (e.g., YouTube after 15 minutes) and switch off auto-play on Netflix.



Just seeing our cell phone creates a reminder that we might be missing something. Stress! The solution? Put it out of sight (in a bag, a drawer, etc.). Even better, forget it in another room.

### Recharge your batteries. Turn off all your screens 1 hour before bed and charge your

cell phone somewhere other than your room. We dare you to buy yourself an alarm clock!



# Set it aside.

Next time you're out eating with your friends, put your cell phones away. The first one to touch their phone pays the bill.

### Ask yourself 2 questions.

Before picking up your cell phone, ask yourself "Is it really important?" and "Can it wait?". If it's not urgent or important, let it be.

Justify yourself.

Try this for a week: every time you pick up your phone while someone is talking to you, justify yourself by explaining why you have to interrupt them. Ouch.

### Unplug during meals.

Try not to check your cell during meals. A tip to eat less is to savour your food and to enjoy the company of friends and family.

### Limit yourself to 1 screen at a time.

During study time, only use one screen at a time and turn off social media and personal texts. Concentration guaranteed!

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#### about screens

#### Our cell phone harbors **10 TIMES MORE BACTERIA** than a toilet bowl... 7,000 ON AVERAGE!

In 2018, DISTRACTED **DRIVING** killed more people than drunk driving.

THE DAILY DISTANCE SCROLLED IN ONE DAY is equivalent to a 12-STORY BUILDING!



Visual and auditory notifications **REDUCE** OUR CAPACITY TO CONCENTRATE.

36 % of young people WAKE UP AT LEAST **ONCE** per night to check their phone.

TAKING **SELFIES** result in more **DEATH** (drownings, falls, etc.) per year than shark attacks.

FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), is the anxiety that urges us to constantly check notifications and messages in order to "calm" our fear of missing something important.

Just like slot machines, apps and video games are DESIGNED TO HOOK US, even if we think we are immune.

**PHUBBING** (snubbing with a phone), is when we ignore people physically present by being on our cell phone, instead of talking with them.

The information we share on the web and our web searches LEAVE PERMANENT TRACES. Yes, permanent! It's known as our **DIGITAL FOOTPRINT.** 



