

# THE EPWORTH SLEEPINESS SCALE



How likely are you to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations, in contrast to feeling just tired?

This refers to your usual way of life in recent times. Even if you have not done some of these things recently try to work out how they would have affected you. Use the following scale to choose the most appropriate number for each situation:

0 = no chance of dozing
1 = slight chance of dozing
2 = moderate chance of dozing
3 = high chance of dozing

SITUATION	CHANCE OF DOZING
Sitting and reading	_____
Watching TV	_____
Sitting inactive in a public place (e.g a theater or a meeting)	_____
As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break	_____
Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit	_____
Sitting and talking to someone	_____
Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol	_____
In a car, while stopped for a few minutes in traffic	_____

To check your sleepiness score, total the points . [Check your total score to see how sleepy you are.](#)

1 - 6	Congratulations, you are getting enough sleep!
7 - 8	Your score is average
9 and up	Seek the advice of a sleep specialist without delay

**Another Version's Answer Key was:**

If your score is greater than 6 points then you are sleepy. If your score is more than 10 points you are very sleepy. If your score is more than 16 points you are dangerously sleepy. If your score doesn't improve after 2 weeks of 8 hours of sleep a night, it is recommended that you consult your doctor.