

## The World Health Organisation recommends you should have no more than 10-14 teaspoons of sugar a day.

Remember, this doesn't just mean spoons of sugar which you add to foods and drinks - it also includes the sugars found in many processed foods you buy.



Medium fizzy drink + Medium Sweet Popcorn + Share size packet of sweets

Teaspoons =2 of Sugar

Jar of Sweet & Sour Sauce (4 Servings)

=18Teaspoons of Sugar

Small flavoured latte and sultana scone

> Teaspoons of Sugar

Smart Swaps





Cinema smart tips

Having a meal before going to the cinema can help ensure hunger doesn't steer you towards less healthy treats to hand

Choose water or a diet drink instead of a standard sugary fizzy drink

A sharing bag of sweets can have up 27 teaspoons of sugar, so be sure to share or avoid altogether

Try not to be fooled by 'value' or 'combo' offers – often the total sugar content is high

## Supermarket smart tips

Don't shop on an empty stomach, you are more likely to choose foods that are higher in sugar.

Write a shopping list and don't stray from your list. Some people find smartphone apps helpful for planning their shopping. Try the Pepperplate or Mealboard apps.

Look at the nutritional information on foods you purchase regularly. Are they high in free sugars?

If you don't need to go into a particular aisle, avoid it. This way you are less likely to be distracted by special offers and less healthy food choices.

Coffee shop smart tips

Choose smaller serving sizes – a standard size serving is approx. 200ml.

Go for unflavoured coffees – the added flavourings such as vanilla or toffee shots are syrup based and therefore are high in free sugars and calories.

Consider sharing a scone with a friend as these can contain lots of added sugars and calories especially if served with jam and cream.

Avoid adding sugar or cream to your hot drinks to reduce your calorie and free sugar intake.

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