

helps in resetting mental boundaries and preventing burnout

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Take a *Strategic Pause*

A short break from work**related tasks** to mentally disconnect will help alleviate cognitive overload, stress and anxiety.

RELAXATION

is crucial for mitigating the effects of high job *demands and promotes* overall well-being

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Manage Your Stress

Make time to **do deep-breathing** exercises, meditation, or a short nap to lower cortisol levels and induce a state of calm.

(Tried and True: Sumana Jeddy uses the Balance app).

AUTONOMY

is vital for achieving balance and improving mood

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Choose Your Breaks

Taking control of how you spend your break time enhances your sense of empowerment and satisfaction. Choose **activities that** you enjoy or find rejuvenating for better recovery and mood regulation.

can help you return to work with a refreshed

MASTERY

perspective and

increased enthusiasm

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Enhance Your Skills

Use your break time to **engage in** activities that provide a sense of accomplishment and skill development. Pursue a hobby, learn something new, or tackle a small project.

buffer against stress and enhance overall life satisfaction

during breaks help

MEANING

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Connect with Your Values

Your break can be used to **reflect on** recent achievements or milestones. Celebrate these accomplishments, no matter how small, to maintain motivation and a positive outlook.

reduces feelings of isolation and provides emotional recovery for work and life

AFFILIATION

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Lean into Your Social **Connections**

Engage in informal conversations, socialize with colleagues, or **spend time with friends**. This help reduce feelings of isolation and provides emotional recovery.