

Definition of health

The WHO's definition of health is 'a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, a fundamental human right'.

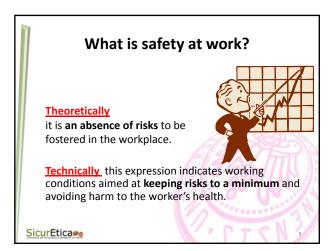
In 1966 A. Seppilli suggested a new notion of health: 'a state of physical, mental and social balance and its interaction with natural and social environments'.

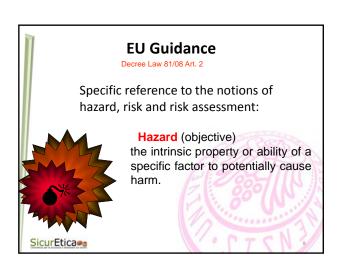
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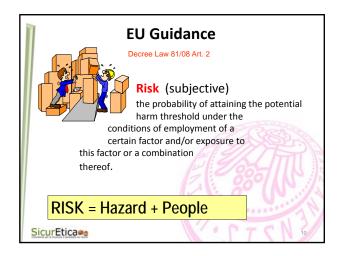
Health and safety at work The Italian Republic recognises health as an individual's fundamental right in the interest of society. Health is a primary asset safeguarded by law. The Italian Republic protects work in all its forms and applications. SicurEtica.

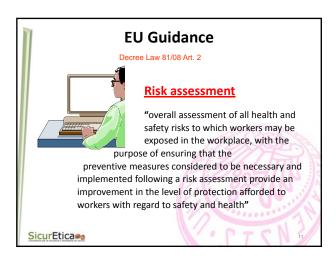
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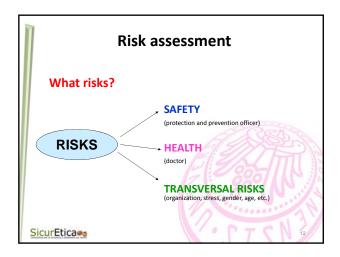
The employer is required to take, within the operating framework of the undertaking, the measures which, having regard to the particular features of the work, to their experience and the state of technology, are necessary in order to protect workers against physical and mental harm.

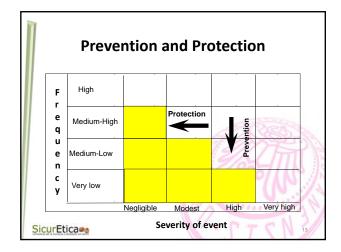


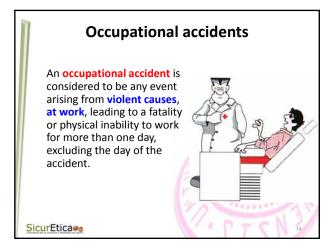






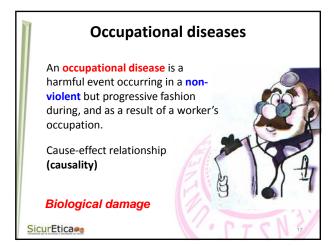


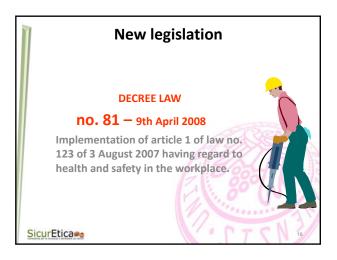




Definition An occupational accident is one that occurred: AT WORK Report on location DURING WORKING TIME Report stating time But it is essential for the accident to have been caused by OCCUPATIONAL FACTORS Report on causes SicurEtica

Accidents to/from work Decree law 38 – 23rd February 2000 RELEVANT SAFEGUARDS APPLY IN THE FOLLOWING CASES: 1) Vehicle provided by employer. 2) Standard daily commute from home to work and return. 3) Standard route connecting two workplaces; 4) Standard route to/from workplace to usual location for meals if no canteen is available at company premises. 5) Use of private vehicle, "when no company vehicle is available". Italian Supreme Court ruling 429/90 envisages no protection other than those established by law. SicurEtica





Transposition of EU Directives Decree law no. 81 of 9/04/2008 SECTION 1 Common principles SECTION 2 Workplaces SECTION 3 Using personal protection devices and equipment SECTION 4 Mobile or temporary sites SECTION 5 Health and safety in the workplace signs SECTION 6 Lifting heavy loads SECTION 7 Using devices with on-board video terminals SECTION 8 Physical agents – Noise, vibrations, electromagnetic and optical agents, SECTION 9 Hazardous substances - Chemicals, carcinogens and mutagens, asbestos SECTION 10 Exposure to biological agents SECTION 11 Protection in explosive atmospheres SECTION 12 Criminal law provisions SECTION 13 Transitional and final provisions SicurEtica ...

General protection measures

Decree law 81/08 Art.15

- General measures protecting workers' health and safety are as follows:
 - a) Health and safety risk assessments;
 - b) Planning prevention measures;
 - Eliminating risks thanks to newly-acquired information or, keeping risks to a minimum;
 - d) Compliance with ergonomics principles (..) in the workplace(..);
 - e) Reducing risks at origin;
 - f) Prevention schemes ;

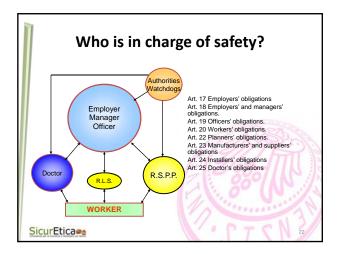
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General protection measures

Decree law 81/08 Art.15

Worker protection

- h) limited use of chemical, physical and biological agents in the workplace;
- collective prevention measures take precedence over individual protection measures;
- health checks for workers;
- n) information and training for workers;
- o) information and training for H&S officers and managers;
- p) information and training on protection equipment;







Parties involved

Definition of Officer
Decree Law 81/08 art. 2 par. 1, letter e)



e) **«Officer»:** in the light of his/her *professional skills* and to the extent of their functional tasks, an officer supervises working activities and ensures the implementation of instructions received, making sure there is accurate execution by workers and exercising a degree of power of initiative;

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LUB Officers



The Free University of Bolzano's organizational chart shows the following officers:

- a) At each teaching and research unit:
 - Faculty of Art and Design: person in charge of workshop
 - Faculty of Science and Technology: person in charge of laboratory
- b) At each service facility:
 - Service centres: person in charge
 - Faculty administrations: person in charge

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Officers' obligations



- √ 1. With reference to the activities described under article no.

 3, officers, in the light of their roles, responsibilities and skills, are required to:
- a) supervise and check that individual workers comply with all rules imposed upon them by law; measures introduced by the company in relation to occupational health and safety; use of collective and individual protection equipment and, in the event of persistent breaches, officers are required to inform their superiors;
- b) *ensure* that only workers with specific training gain access to areas in which they may be exposed to serious risks;

Officers' obligations Decree Law 81/08 art. 19



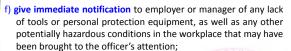


- c) request compliance with measures aimed at controlling atrisk situations in the event of emergencies and provide instructions so that workers leave the workplace or hazardous area in the event of serious, immediate and inevitable danger:
- d) inform workers of the nature of the risk as swiftly as possible in the event of any serious and immediate risk, also providing information on any protection measures to be adopted;
- e) refrain from asking workers to resume work in a working environment where a serious and immediate hazard continues to exist, with the exception of circumstances where this may be justified.

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Officers' obligations Decree Law 81/08 art. 19





g) attend specific training courses under article 37.



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Parties involved

Definition of Worker Decree Law 81/08 art. 2 par. 1, letter a)

worker: irrespective of the nature of their contract, a worker is someone working within a public or private employer's organization, with or without wages, including those wishing to learn a trade or profession, but with the exception of family workers.



Parties involved

Definition of Worker
Decree Law 81/08 art. 2 par. 1, letter a)



The *above definition* also applies to the following: *working members* of cooperatives and other companies, including *de facto* corporations, *silent partnerships* under article 2549 (and subsequent articles) of the Italian civil code; *beneficiaries* of internships and career guidance schemes (...)

Students from schools and **universities**, participants in vocational training courses using laboratories, general working tools, chemical, physical and biological agents, as well as equipment fitted with video display terminals.

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Workers' obligations

 Each worker is to look after their own health and safety, and those of any other people in the workplace that may be impacted by the consequences of their actions or omissions, in ways that are consistent with their training, instructions and using equipment provided by the employer.

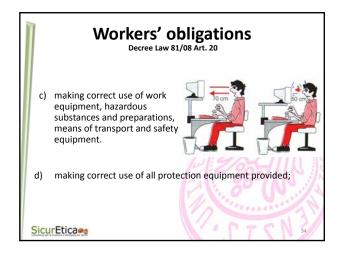
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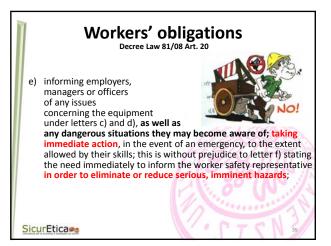
Workers' obligations Decree Law 81/08 Art. 20

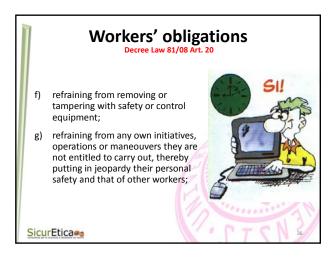
2. In particular workers are required to:

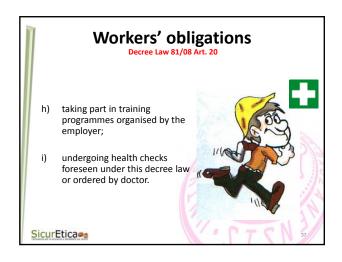
- a) Work with employers, managers and officers to contribute to compliance with all required regulations concerning occupational health and safety.
- b) Comply with directives and instructions from the employer and officers to ensure individual and collection protection.

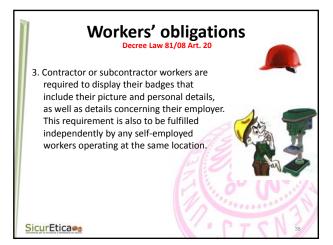


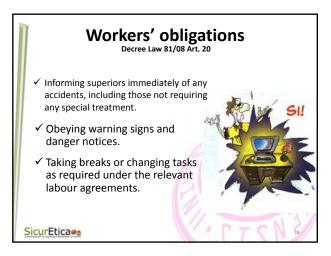






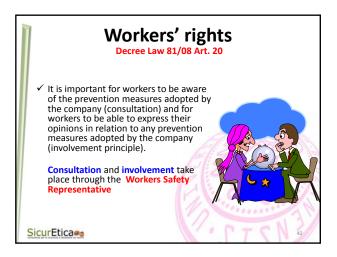






Workers' obligations Decree Law 81/08 Art. 20 * Keeping workplace orderly and tidy, as untidiness may cause accidents and at very least make moving around more difficult. * Using health and safety equipment and bringing any malfunctions to the attention of those in charge. This will prevent illnesses and any unnecessary risks to workers' health. SicurEtica**





Workers Safety Representative

Decree Law 81/08 Article 47

- A Workers Safety Representative needs to be elected or appointed at all company or manufacturing units.
- 3. Companies with 15 employees or less:

usually the workers safety representative is elected directly by the employees from among their own number or appointed to cover more than one company within a given area or manufacturing sector as stated under article 48.

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Workers Safety Representative

Decree Law 81/08 Article 47

- 4. Companies with more than 15 employees:
 - the WSR is elected or appointed from within **the trade union representatives** at the company. If no such representatives exist, the WSR is elected directly by the employees from among their own number.
- Unless other arrangements have been made during collective bargaining, elections for workers safety representatives at company, area or sector level usually take place on the national occupational health and safety day during the European Week for Health and Safety at Work, (....);

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Workers Safety Representative

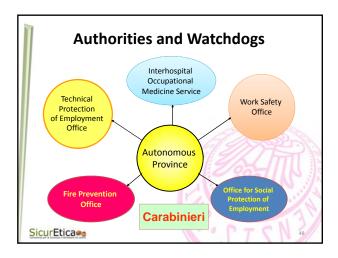
Decree Law 81/08 Article 47

- 7. Paragraph 2 states that the *minimum number* of representatives is as follows:
 - a) **one** representative at companies or manufacturing units with 200 or less employees;
 - b) **three** representatives at companies or manufacturing units with 201 to 1,000 employees;
 - c) six representatives at companies or manufacturing units with more than 1,000 employees.

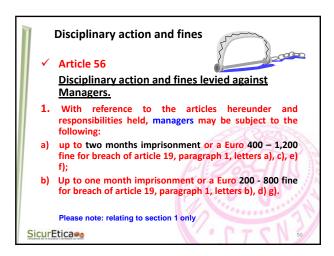
At these companies the total number of representatives is increased in accordance with any applicable interconfederal agreements or collective bargaining.

Workers in charge of handling emergencies Decree Law 81/08 Article 18 1. Employers carrying out activities described under article 3, and managers organizing and overseeing the above activities in accordance with their skills and responsibilities are required to do the following: b) Appoint workers in charge of implementing fire prevention and firefighting measures, as well as the evacuation of workplaces in case of serious and immediate danger, rescue operations, first aid and other emergency handling measures.







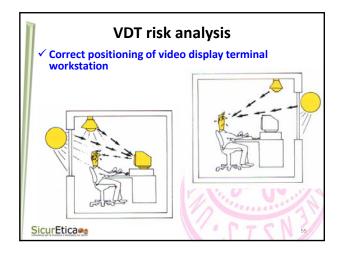


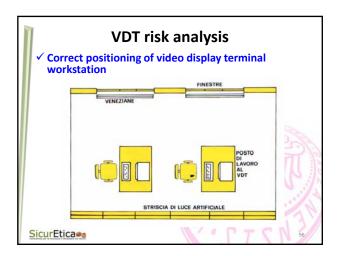
Disciplinary action and fines Art. 59 Disciplinary action and fines levied against workers. 1) Workers may be subject to the following: a) up to one month imprisonment or a euro 200 - 600 fine for breach of article 20, paragraph 2, letters b), c), d), e), f), g), h) and i) and article 43 par. 3) point 1; b) Euro 50 - 300 fine for breach of article 20 paragraph 3; same applies to self-employed workers.

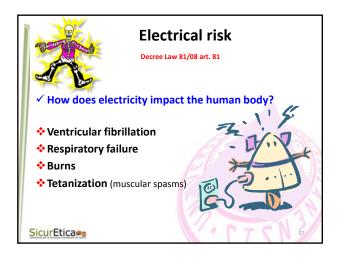
Risk Factors in workplaces Structural – Stairs, escape routes, windows... Physical – Eelectrical, noise, vibrations, optical, electromagnetic. Chemical – Carcinogens – mutagens – teratogens. Biological Multi-factor – organization, ergonomics, stress, mothers a work, VDT, MMC ... Fire – explosives Transport

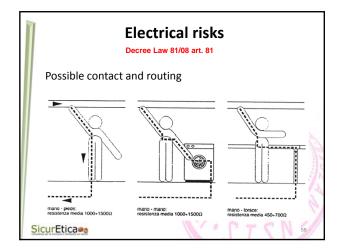
SECTION VII Video display terminal workers ✓ Article 173 Definitions a) Video display terminal (VDT): alphanumerical screen b) Workplace: equipment, materials, chair, desktop and surrounding environment. c) Worker: a person systematically and regularly using equipment that includes a video display terminal for twenty hours per week less breaks under article 175. SicurEticaes

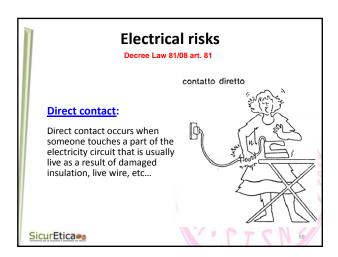
Risk factors in office workplaces ✓ Electrical risks ✓ Posture and fatigue ✓ Ergonomics and environmental health ✓ Eyesight risks ✓ Features and position of equipment ✓ Lighting of environments where VDTs are used ✓ Mental fatigue and stress ✓ Microclimate ✓ Pollutants ✓ Non-ionising radiation SicurEticae

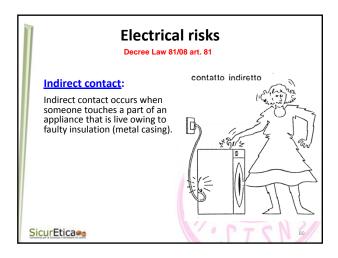


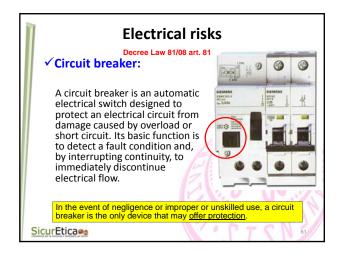




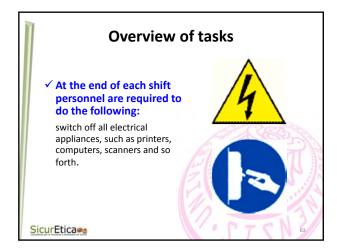


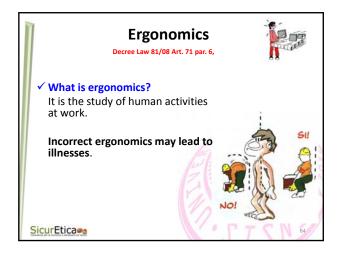


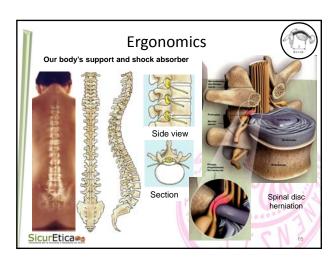


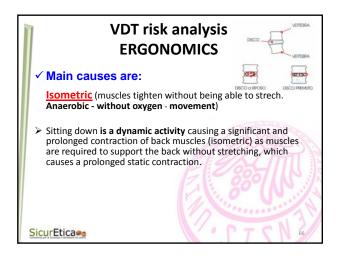


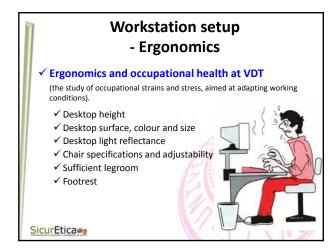


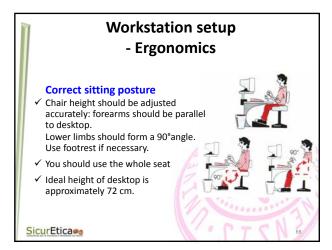




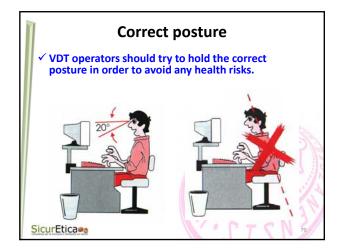


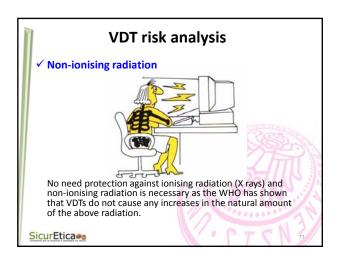


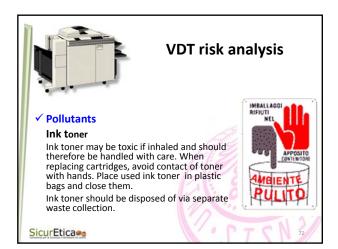




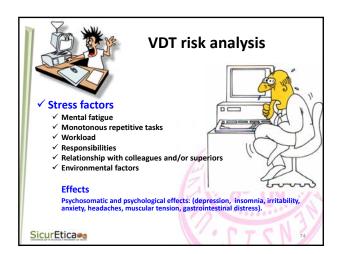
Workstation setup - Ergonomics Correct sitting posture The height of the backrest should be adjusted carefully so that it continues to support the lower back even when sitting position changes. Load distribution on intervertebral discs should be balanced. Height of seat should be adjusted correctly.

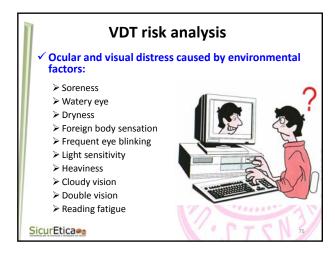


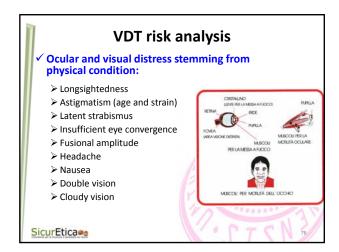


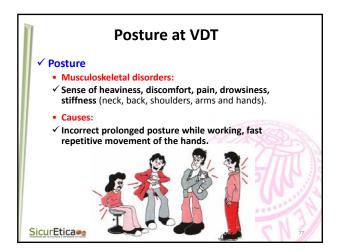




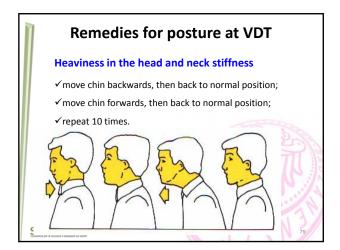


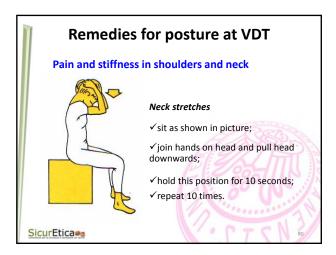


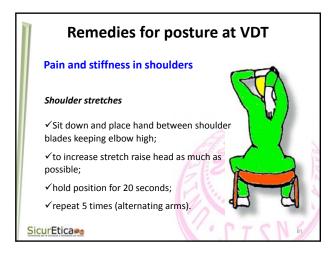


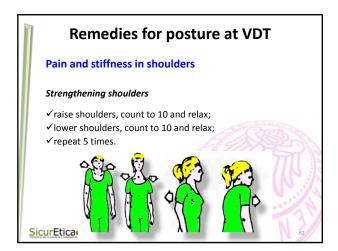


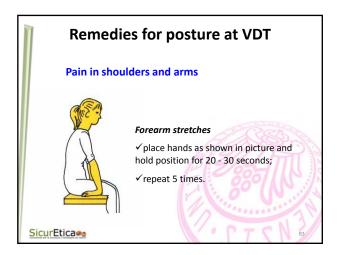


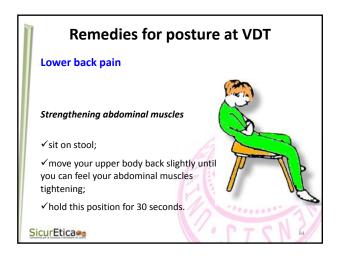


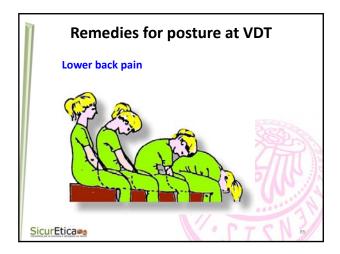


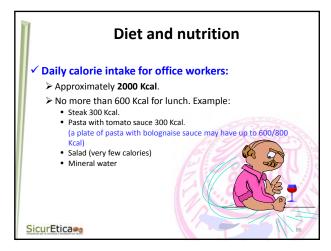


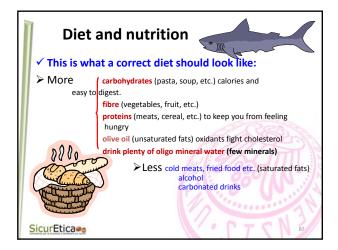












Diet and nutrition	
✓ During your breaks: ➤ mid-morning, fruit (supplementing mineral salts, liquids, vitamins, etc) – less tea and coffee, cocoa (high in Xanthine).	
>mid-afternoon (preferably yoghurt).	
Avoid: potato crisps, cakes and snacks (rich in fats and sweeteners)	
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