

A woman with long dark hair is shown from the chest up, with her hands covering her face in a gesture of distress or embarrassment. The background is a dark, solid color. The text is overlaid on the image.

50 COMMON PERIOD MISTAKES

With Tips to
Help Avoid Them

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Here is a detailed list of **50 common mistakes people make during their periods**, with tips to help avoid them:

Hygiene Mistakes

1. **Not Changing Pads/Tampons Frequently Enough:** Increases risk of infections and toxic shock syndrome (TSS). Change pads every 4–6 hours, tampons every 4–8 hours, and empty menstrual cups every 8–12 hours.
2. **Using Scented Period Products:** Can cause irritation and disrupt vaginal pH. Stick to unscented options.
3. **Wearing the Wrong Absorbency Tampon:** Using a super-absorbent tampon for a light flow can cause dryness or irritation. Use appropriate absorbency.
4. **Using Expired Period Products:** Old products may lose effectiveness or harbor bacteria. Always check expiration dates.
5. **Not Washing Your Hands Before/After Changing Products:** Can introduce bacteria, increasing the risk of infections.
6. **Using Fabric Softener on Period Underwear:** Residue can irritate the skin. Wash with gentle detergent.
7. **Leaving Menstrual Cups in Too Long:** Can lead to odor or infections. Empty every 8–12 hours.
8. **Flushing Tampons or Pads Down the Toilet:** Causes plumbing issues and environmental harm. Dispose of them in the trash.
9. **Douche Use During Periods:** Can disrupt vaginal pH and cause infections. Avoid douching altogether.

10. Not Showering Regularly: Periods don't mean skipping hygiene. Shower daily to stay fresh and comfortable.

Dietary Mistakes

11. Overeating Salty Foods: Increases bloating and water retention. Limit salt and opt for potassium-rich foods.

12. Consuming Too Much Sugar: Spikes and crashes in blood sugar worsen fatigue and mood swings.

13. Drinking Too Much Coffee or Energy Drinks: Excess caffeine can worsen cramps and increase anxiety.

14. Eating Too Little: Skipping meals reduces energy and worsens fatigue and irritability.

15. Not Drinking Enough Water: Dehydration exacerbates headaches and bloating.

16. Consuming Alcohol: Alcohol can worsen cramps and dehydration.

17. Ignoring Fiber-Rich Foods: A low-fiber diet can worsen constipation or digestive discomfort during your period.

18. Not Eating Magnesium-Rich Foods: Lack of magnesium (e.g., spinach, nuts, bananas) can increase cramps.

19. Skipping Iron-Rich Foods: Can lead to fatigue, especially if your period is heavy. Eat spinach, beans, and lean meat.

20. Ignoring Omega-3 Fats: Omega-3s (e.g., salmon, flaxseeds) reduce inflammation and cramps.

Lifestyle Mistakes

21. **Avoiding Exercise Entirely:** Gentle movement like yoga or walking can help reduce cramps and improve mood.
22. **Over-Exercising:** Strenuous workouts can exacerbate fatigue and discomfort.
23. **Not Getting Enough Sleep:** Poor sleep worsens mood swings, fatigue, and cramps.
24. **Wearing Tight Clothing:** Increases discomfort and bloating. Wear loose, comfy clothes instead.
25. **Skipping Emotional Self-Care:** Ignoring mood swings and stress can worsen PMS symptoms.
26. **Ignoring Relaxation Techniques:** Stress can make cramps worse. Try deep breathing, meditation, or warm baths.
27. **Overworking:** Overexertion can make you more fatigued during your period.
28. **Not Taking Breaks:** Neglecting rest during heavy or painful periods can worsen symptoms.
29. **Using Heat Incorrectly:** Too much heat directly on the skin can cause burns. Use heating pads cautiously.
30. **Not Planning Ahead for Symptoms:** Failing to prepare for cramps, bloating, or cravings can make symptoms harder to manage.

Health Mistakes

31. **Ignoring Severe Cramps:** Intense pain may indicate conditions like endometriosis or fibroids. Consult a doctor if cramps are unmanageable.
 32. **Not Tracking Your Cycle:** Makes it harder to predict periods and symptoms or detect irregularities.
 33. **Assuming Irregular Periods Are "Normal":** Persistent irregularity may signal a hormonal imbalance or other health issue.
 34. **Self-Medicating Without Knowledge:** Taking painkillers excessively or incorrectly can cause side effects. Follow dosage guidelines.
 35. **Ignoring Signs of Heavy Bleeding:** Passing large clots or changing products every hour may indicate a medical issue.
 36. **Avoiding Doctor Visits for Period Issues:** Chronic pain, heavy bleeding, or irregular cycles require professional evaluation.
 37. **Not Addressing PMS Symptoms:** Mood swings, bloating, and fatigue can be managed with lifestyle changes and medical advice.
 38. **Underestimating Anemia Risk:** Heavy periods may lead to iron deficiency. Monitor symptoms like fatigue or pale skin.
 39. **Skipping Birth Control Consultations:** Hormonal birth control can help manage heavy bleeding or painful periods.
 40. **Ignoring Allergies to Period Products:** Some may react to latex or synthetic fibers. Opt for hypoallergenic products.
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Social and Emotional Mistakes

41. **Feeling Embarrassed About Your Period:** Stigma can prevent open conversations and access to care. Periods are natural—don't feel ashamed!
 42. **Hiding Period Pain:** Ignoring discomfort can increase emotional strain. Communicate with those around you about how you feel.
 43. **Neglecting Mental Health:** PMS-related mood swings can worsen mental health. Seek support if needed.
 44. **Avoiding Social Interaction Entirely:** Isolation can increase mood swings. Balance rest with light social activities.
 45. **Not Asking for Help:** Struggling with severe symptoms in silence can make periods harder to manage.
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Product Usage Mistakes

46. **Not Using the Right Period Product:** Everyone's flow is different—find what works best for you (pads, tampons, cups, or period underwear).
47. **Forgetting a Backup Product:** Accidents happen. Carry extras for unexpected flow changes.
48. **Using Plastic Pads During Heavy Flow:** Non-breathable pads can worsen irritation and heat rashes.
49. **Relying Solely on Pain Relievers:** Medications help but shouldn't replace a healthy lifestyle to manage symptoms.
50. **Not Experimenting with Reusable Products:** Menstrual cups or reusable pads can be more eco-friendly and comfortable.

Final Thoughts:

Being informed about these common mistakes can help you manage your period better. If you notice recurring or severe symptoms, always seek medical advice.