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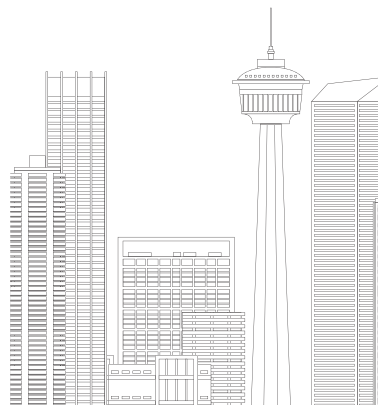


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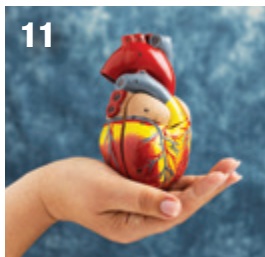
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Understand These Three Rules of the Mind to Change Any Habit in 2023

by Lynn C. Cox



How many of us want to make some changes in 2023? Perhaps you want to stop that habit of procrastinating, shed excess weight, start a new wellness program, get better sleep, or kick an unhealthy habit to the curb? How often have you tried to make one of these changes in the past and stopped short of your goals because something in you turns you in the other direction?

Sometimes it feels like we're in a battle of the wills with our own minds.

Conventional wisdom would have us believe that our minds are extraordinarily complicated and the process of understanding it, changing it, and managing it is close to impossible.

In the recent decade, there has been more research into, curiosity around, and mainstream adoption of neuroscience, Rapid Transformational Therapy (RTT), hypnotherapy, positive psychology, and mind body connection. What this means is people are hungry to move out of the dark ages of psychology and embrace an understanding of the mind, and practical practises to help achieve better mental, emotional, and physical health!

When it comes to long-standing habits of action, such as overeating, procrastinating, feeling stress and anxiety and being prone to negative thought loops, the first place to begin is understanding a few rules of the mind. We cannot change anything we do not understand, and these 3 Rules of the Mind will help anyone on their journey of transformation.

1. The Mind Does What It *Thinks* You Want It to Do:

Our number one drive as a species is survival, and how do we survive? By staying safe! Safe typically means not taking risks (even measured ones), colouring within the lines that we've always known, and avoiding rejection at all costs. The mind thinks you want it to keep you safe.

For example, if you really want to up your game in business and become a phenomenal presenter, but you're not used to this, your mind will 'keep you safe' by convincing you taking this step amounts to danger. Don't worry, there's a way around this so you can explore, try new things, and develop yourself!

2. The Mind Loves the Familiar and is Repelled by the Unfamiliar

Along with point one, the mind is quite comfortable having the same old, same old. How many times have you heard stories about couples who are unhappy together because their habits have become boring. Or think about a two-year-old who always wants to wear the same outfit, have the same toy, and eat the same thing for breakfast.

Way, way back when we were hunters and gatherers, the familiar kept us safe and alive. We knew what was poisonous and what wasn't, so we would stick to the safe and familiar. This love of the familiar is deeply wired into our primitive brains. But it can hold us back when we want to make changes in our life. Don't worry, you can retrain your mind to love the unfamiliar!

3. The Mind Responds to Two Things: Words and Pictures

The way our mind processes information is with words and pictures. The good news is the words create the pictures! Just try this exercise; sit in a room with a pen and paper and for five minutes, just write down all that chatter going on in your mind. You'll notice that thoughts, words, and pictures are repetitive.

You can actively choose what words you want to put in there and create compelling pictures to excite your mind and start to change. Do you want to take on healthier habits and shed weight for example? You can repeat words to yourself in many ways. Make a recording with the change you want to see and listen to it. Stop your habitual thoughts and plant the new words in there. Put them on your screensaver or write on your mirror.

Our minds are quite simple, and once you understand the mechanics, you are empowered to become the master of your mind and your life!



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Upper Mount Royal Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Upper Mount Royal
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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2022	\$ 999,000	\$ 985,000
November 2022	\$ 0	\$ 0
October 2022	\$ 2,999,900	\$ 2,650,000
September 2022	\$ 2,999,999	\$ 3,000,000
August 2022	\$ 954,000	\$ 927,825
July 2022	\$ 1,618,450	\$ 1,557,500
June 2022	\$ 1,880,000	\$ 1,800,000
May 2022	\$ 1,667,500	\$ 1,617,500
April 2022	\$ 1,597,000	\$ 1,500,000
March 2022	\$ 2,150,000	\$ 2,125,000
February 2022	\$ 1,525,000	\$ 1,525,000
January 2022	\$ 1,364,500	\$ 1,305,000

Last 12 Months Upper Mount Royal
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2022	2	1
November 2022	2	0
October 2022	1	1
September 2022	4	3
August 2022	6	4
July 2022	1	2
June 2022	6	3
May 2022	6	6
April 2022	6	6
March 2022	9	7
February 2022	9	3
January 2022	6	6

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Lower Mount Royal Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Lower Mount Royal
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2022	\$ 307,450	\$ 292,000
November 2022	\$ 299,900	\$ 295,000
October 2022	\$ 319,900	\$ 295,000
September 2022	\$ 249,900	\$ 236,500
August 2022	\$ 398,500	\$ 387,500
July 2022	\$ 282,450	\$ 272,500
June 2022	\$ 284,950	\$ 281,000
May 2022	\$ 257,950	\$ 254,000
April 2022	\$ 294,350	\$ 284,500
March 2022	\$ 224,500	\$ 222,500
February 2022	\$ 339,000	\$ 330,000
January 2022	\$ 211,400	\$ 200,000

Last 12 Months Lower Mount Royal
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2022	2	4
November 2022	8	13
October 2022	10	9
September 2022	12	9
August 2022	14	8
July 2022	12	6
June 2022	12	10
May 2022	12	16
April 2022	21	18
March 2022	19	13
February 2022	9	11
January 2022	12	4

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February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing may make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack may significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month: take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Common Signs of a Heart Attack

(Any, or all, of these signs and symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as simply a mild pressure up to a 'crushing' pain; may also be 'squeezing' or a 'heavy' sensation.
- Discomfort may move to the shoulders, arm, neck, or jaw.
- May include shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea/vomiting.
- Signs may vary person to person and can differ between men, women, and the elderly.

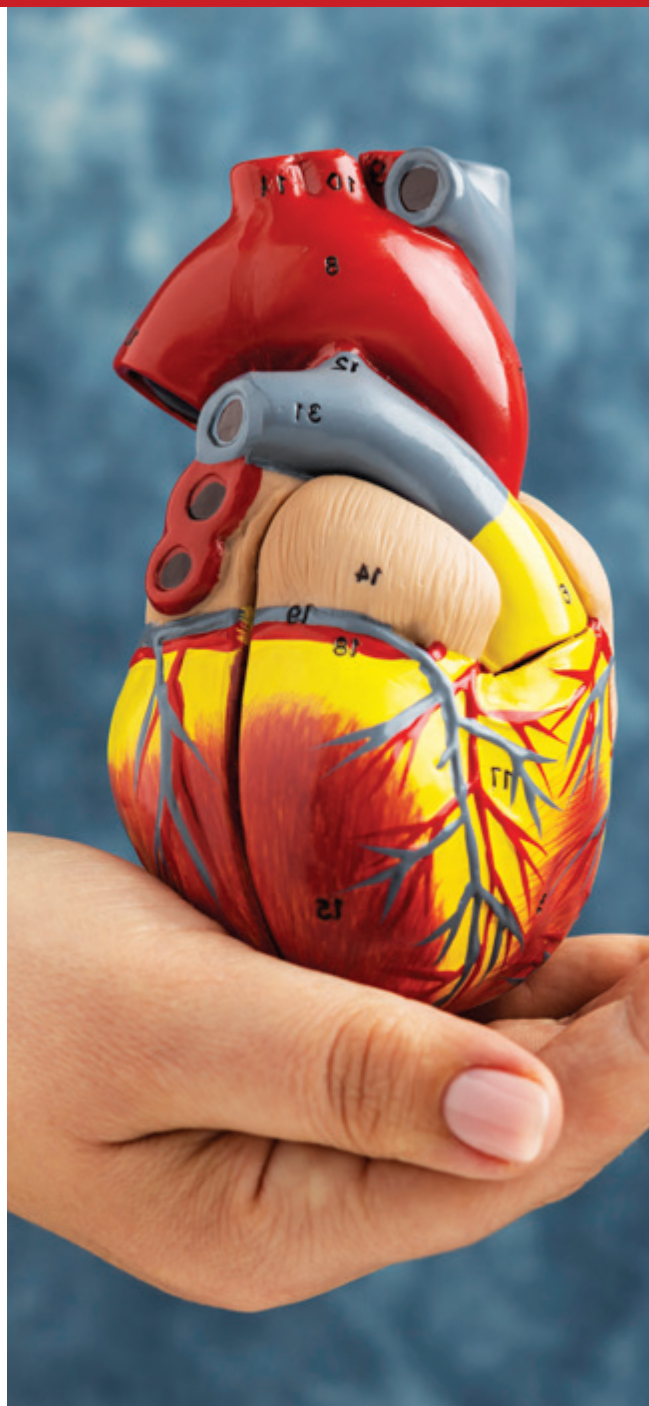
Heart Attack Risk Factors

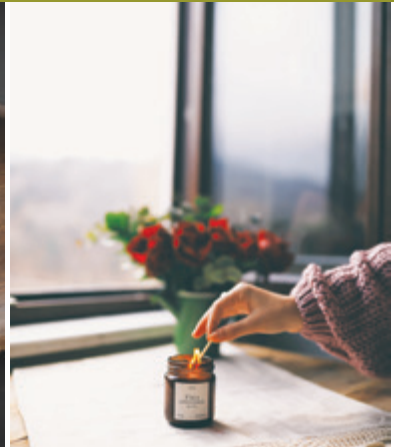
- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*
- High cholesterol*
- Age/Gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What To Do When Seconds Count

- Call 911, immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and be the difference between life and death.
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous, and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital so that definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy and could make a significant difference in the outcome of someone experiencing a heart attack.





Self-Care O'Clock

Taking care of your whole self, mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually, is important. Bringing our body and brain into harmony can bring upon improvements in all areas of our lives.

As humans, we are programmed to help others. However, to do this in an effective and sustainable way, we need to take care ourselves. As the saying goes “you cannot help others if you do not help yourself first.” So, when is the last time you truly focused on you?

Self-care looks different for everyone. It is a journey to find what you need to prioritize as actions for yourself to feel relaxed, energized, and strong! Here are some ways you can take care of your whole self:

Eat: Bake some treats, make a tasty salad, or cook your favorite meal. Say “yes” to what you want and enjoy every bite. You need to nourish to flourish!

Make Space: Have a space in your home that you can call your own and where you can reset. This could be a beanbag chair in a cozy corner, or a window with a view.

Heart Health: Take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Breathing exercises power our nervous system, helping us push away distractions and make decisions with a clear mind.

Connect: Surround yourself with people who support and uplift you. Focus on face-to-face interactions and connecting with a meaningful community.

Unplug: Limit daily technology use. Try to shut down screens an hour before bed and set up healthy boundaries with use during your day.

Most importantly, listen to what your body and brain need and meet those needs in ways that make sense for you!



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Overcaffeinated?

Many people don't realize that caffeine is a drug. It's a stimulant that's found in many types of pain and cold medicine, as well as in foods and drinks, including coffee, tea, chocolate, some energy drinks, and some painkillers.

What Are the Short-Term Effects?

The effects of caffeine usually start within five to 30 minutes and can last from eight to 12 hours.

Larger amounts of caffeine can:

- cause shaking
- make you have trouble sleeping
- make you very agitated
- cause a fast, irregular heartbeat (might feel like your heart is racing)
- make you feel irritable, restless, and nervous

People who have panic attacks shouldn't use large amounts of caffeine. It can trigger nervousness and anxiety, and they might be more sensitive to its effects.

It's rare for adults to die from a caffeine overdose. However, children can die from as little as one gram of caffeine. A single cup of coffee contains between 40 and 180 mg.

Caffeine doesn't decrease your appetite so there's no point in using it to diet or decrease your hunger.

Caffeine doesn't help you sober up if you are drunk.

As your body gets used to caffeine, it needs more and more of it to get the same effect. As the amount of caffeine goes up, so does the risk of side effects.

You can become mildly dependent on caffeine from regularly drinking 350 mg (about two to four cups of coffee) a day. If you suddenly stop drinking caffeine, you might have withdrawal symptoms such as:

- headaches
- problems sleeping
- feeling irritable, tired, and depressed
- lack of energy
- feeling down
- having trouble focusing or concentrating

Withdrawal symptoms begin 12 to 24 hours after you stop caffeine. Most symptoms go away within a few days.



What Are the Long-Term Effects of Caffeine?

More than 300 mg of caffeine (about two to three cups of coffee) in a day may be linked to miscarriages and low-birth weight babies. Caffeine is passed through breastmilk, which might make your baby irritable or have trouble sleeping. If you're pregnant or breastfeeding, you may want to limit or avoid all caffeine.

Some women who drink more than three cups a day may be at risk of bone fractures as they get older.

Regular use of more than 600 mg of caffeine might cause long-term effects including chronic insomnia, constant anxiety, depression, and stomach problems. It can also cause high blood pressure or make high blood pressure worse.

Caffeine and Young People

Because their bodies are smaller, caffeine may have a stronger effect on a child than on an adult. Children who drink pop or energy drinks with caffeine might feel anxious, be irritable, have trouble sleeping, or wet the bed.

Some teens and young adults who use a lot of caffeine may have health problems like an increased or abnormal heart rate or chest pain. If this happens, they may need to go to the hospital or need an ambulance.

For more information on caffeine and health, call the 24-hour Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322.

Decluttering? Tips for Selling Your Used Items Online

From the Better Business Bureau

The start of a new year is a great time to clean out your home and organize your living spaces. But what should you do with the gently used clothing, furniture, home items, or electronics that you aren't using anymore? Fortunately, online marketplaces, such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Ebay, and Poshmark, make it easy to sell without even leaving your home.

That said, there are a few perils to selling used items online. To avoid the dangers and to successfully make sales, BBB recommends the following tips.

How to Stay Safe When Making Online Sales

Choose an appropriate platform

Nerdwallet recommends that "before you sell stuff online to make extra money, determine the ideal venue for your goods." There are dozens of online marketplaces to choose from, but many of them focus on a specific kind of used goods, such as electronics or designer clothing. Before you create an account with a marketplace, make sure it is a good fit for the kind of goods you want to sell.

Know the worth of your items and price appropriately

To determine the value of an item you want to sell, Consumer Reports suggests searching for similar items on the site where you plan to list. If you are selling an item that was never used and is still in its original packaging, remember that technically it is still coming to the buyer second-hand, so you'll need to charge a little less than the original retail value if you want to make a sale.

Watch out for shady buyers

Con artists often pose as buyers in scams. Sometimes they offer to overpay for an item, but that's not their only tactic. Beware of buyers who ask you to make transactions outside of the selling platform or those who ask for personal information, such as your banking information.

Be extra cautious when making local sales

Some platforms allow you to meet up with people in your local area to exchange your item for cash in person. While this can be an effective way to sell big items and



avoid marketplace fees, use caution when meeting up with strangers. Don't be quick to give them your home address, instead ask buyers to meet you in a safe place, such as outside your local police department. Never meet up with a buyer you don't know alone. Always bring your partner or a friend to make the transaction.

Always protect your personal information

As you sell items online, keep your sensitive personal information under lock and key. Avoid communicating with buyers outside of the online platform you are using to make the sale and don't give out your home address, phone number, or email address.



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