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# Low-carb diets and type 2 diabetes

Evidence suggests that low-carb diets are safe and can improve blood glucose levels in the short term, as well as helping to achieve weight loss and reducing the risk of heart disease in people with type 2 diabetes.

If you treat your diabetes with insulin or any other medication that puts you at risk of hypoglycaemia (low blood glucose levels), following a low-carb diet may increase this risk. However, your healthcare team can help you adjust your medications to reduce your risk of hypoglycaemia often called hypos.

Find recipes and snacks on our website: [www.knowdiabetes.org.uk](http://www.knowdiabetes.org.uk)

This information is only part of how any particular person may decide which diet or indeed lifestyle is the best for them. If you are on prescribed medication or suffer from a significant medical condition we strongly advise you to consult your doctor or dietitian before making changes. For example improvements in lifestyle and weight loss may also significantly improve your blood pressure or diabetes control requiring a reduction in medication.



# Weekly overview for a low-carb non-vegetarian diet

	Breakfast:	Lunch:	Dinner:	Snacks:
Monday	 <p><b>Wholemeal toast with scrambled eggs</b></p>	 <p><b>Salmon and spinach filo tarts</b></p>	 <p><b>Lower-fat cauliflower and broccoli cheese with a medium grilled salmon fillet</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> <b>Greek yogurt with raspberries</b></p>	 <p>Ideas: fruit, nuts and rye crackers with avocado</p>
Tuesday	 <p><b>Greek yogurt with raspberries and pumpkin seeds</b></p>	 <p><b>Chickpea and tuna salad</b></p>	 <p><b>Beef goulash</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> <b>Rhubarb fool</b></p>	 <p>Ideas: granary bread with peanut butter, avocado, Greek yogurt, crudites and nuts</p>
Wednesday	 <p><b>Apricot porridge with toasted seeds</b></p>	 <p><b>Mackerel salsa wrap</b></p>	 <p><b>Chicken casserole with broccoli</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> <b>Greek yogurt with strawberries and blueberries</b></p>	 <p>Ideas: nuts, wholemeal rice cakes with peanut butter and crudites with guacamole</p>

	Breakfast:	Lunch:	Dinner:	Snacks:
Thursday	 <p><b>Mushroom and spring onion omelette</b></p>	 <p><b>Creamy chicken and mushroom soup</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Greek yogurt with raspberries</p>	 <p><b>Beefburger with green salad</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Summer berry posset</p>	 <p>Ideas: oatcakes with light cream cheese, nuts and avocado</p>
Friday	 <p><b>Almond, apricot and pumpkin seed granola</b></p>	 <p><b>Bang bang chicken salad</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Greek yogurt</p>	 <p><b>Italian-style braised lamb steaks with brown rice and broccoli</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Passion fruit with half-fat creme fraiche</p>	 <p>Ideas: nuts, cheese and guacamole with crudites</p>
Saturday	 <p><b>Low carb baked eggs</b></p>	 <p><b>Roast chicken, roast potatoes, green beans and gravy</b></p>	 <p><b>Coq au vin with broccoli</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Hot chocolate</p>	 <p>Ideas: raspberry smoothie and nuts.</p>
Sunday	 <p><b>Scrambled egg with smoked salmon on granary toast</b></p>	 <p><b>Ham, leek and Parmesan frittata with avocado, celery, cucumber and lettuce</b></p>	 <p><b>Chicken and lentil curry with salad</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Greek yogurt with raspberries</p>	 <p>Ideas: olives, nuts, dried fruit and oatcakes with light cream cheese.</p>