

# 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 vegetarian diet

	Breakfast:	Lunch:	Dinner:	Snacks:
Monday	 <p><b>Apricot porridge with toasted seeds</b></p>	 <p><b>Cauliflower and leek soup</b></p>	 <p><b>Baked mini bell peppers</b> <b> pudding:</b> <b>Greek yogurt with raspberries</b></p>	 <p>Ideas: fruit, nuts and rye crackers with avocado</p>
Tuesday	 <p><b>Almond, apricot and pumpkin seed granola</b></p>	 <p><b>Slow-cooked bean chilli</b> <b> pudding:</b> <b>Rhubarb fool</b></p>	 <p><b>Three bean salad</b></p>	 <p>Ideas: granary bread with peanut butter, avocado, Greek yogurt, crudites and nuts</p>
Wednesday	 <p><b>Porridge with almonds, blueberries and pumpkin seeds</b></p>	 <p><b>Tofu Stir Fry</b></p>	 <p><b>Quinoa with egg and broccoli</b> <b> pudding:</b> <b>Berry frozen yogurt</b></p>	 <p>Ideas: nuts, wholemeal rice cakes with peanut butter and crudites with guacamole</p>

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Thursday	 <p><b>Mexican Scrambled eggs</b></p>	 <p><b>Cauliflower and broccoli cheese</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Greek yogurt with raspberries</p>	 <p><b>Roasted veg soup with halloumi croutons</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Summer berry posset</p>	 <p>Ideas: oatcakes with light cream cheese, nuts and avocado</p>
Friday	 <p><b>Scrambled egg on granary toast with mushrooms</b></p>	 <p><b>Andean-style quinoa</b></p>	 <p><b>Barley and wild mushroom risotto</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Fruit salad with half-fat creme fraiche</p>	 <p>Ideas: nuts, cheese and guacamole with crudites</p>
Saturday	 <p><b>Wholemeal toast with avocado and mushrooms</b></p>	 <p><b>Mushroom ragu</b></p>	 <p><b>Roasted cauliflower, paneer and chickpea curry</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Hot chocolate</p>	 <p>Ideas: raspberry smoothie and nuts.</p>
Sunday	 <p><b>Wholemeal spinach and cheddar pancakes</b></p>	 <p><b>Greek salad</b></p>	 <p><b>Smoky tofu kebabs</b></p> <p><b> pudding:</b> Greek yogurt with raspberries</p>	 <p>Ideas: olives, nuts, dried fruit and oatcakes with light cream cheese.</p>