

**NEW AT  
STARTUP;  
SURVIVAL  
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UNDERSTANDING THE  
STARTUP ENVIRONMENT




# HOW TO DEAL WITH THE UNEXPECTED


Ready to tackle the unexpected twists and turns of startup life? Dive into these tips to navigate challenges (😬) with resilience and emerge stronger (🚀) than ever!

 **Job description mix-ups:** When what you read doesn't match what you experience, it can feel like you've been led astray. Starting a job only to find it's nothing like what was promised can be disheartening, especially if you're fresh out of school.

 Roll with it! Think of it as a chance to dive into different tasks and learn new

skills. View each twist as an adventure in personal and professional growth.

 **Constantly changing roles and responsibilities:** One day, you feel like you've finally got a handle on your responsibilities. But then, out of nowhere, a new project lands on your desk, requiring skills you've never even heard of before. Skills you will need to develop...again...from zero.

 It can be disorienting when your job title and tasks change every few months. But, this dynamic environment offers opportunities to diversify your experience and adaptability.

**Feeling swamped and baffled:**

Feeling swamped and baffled: It's like there's no stable ground beneath your feet, everything's constantly shifting, especially as your startup starts to grow rapidly.



It's easy to feel overwhelmed and confused amidst the chaos. Yet, this is an opportunity to strengthen communication skills and foster teamwork as you seek clarity together.



**Juggling multiple roles:** One day, you're knee-deep in administration tasks, and the next, you're suddenly thrown into marketing or customer support, wearing whatever hat the situation demands.



Recognize that wearing many hats lets you make a bigger impact. It's your chance to show off your adaptability and resourcefulness.



**Difficulty in measuring success:** it can be like trying to catch a cloud—it's tricky to pin down and sometimes feels like you're chasing something elusive without a clear finish line.



Progress over perfection! Set goals you can track and celebrate the small wins along the way. Remember, it's about the journey, not just the destination.



**Pressure to prove yourself:** like a spotlight constantly shining on you, pushing you to perform at your best while battling imposter syndrome and self-doubt along the way.



Turn up the heat! Use that fire to fuel your drive and passion. Just don't forget to set realistic goals and take care of yourself along the way.



**Risk of burning out:** it's like walking between ambition and exhaustion, and the line between pushing yourself and overextending becomes increasingly blurred.



Put self-care first! Take breaks, set boundaries, and lean on your support system when you need to recharge. Your well-being is key to your success.



**Forgetting to enjoy the ride** can result in tunnel vision, where you're so focused on reaching the destination that you miss out on the scenery and milestones along the way.



Take a breather! Pause to appreciate how far you've come and celebrate your wins, big and small. Share the joy with your team and soak in the good vibes.



**Losing sight of the big picture:** can feel like wandering in a maze without a map, where day-to-day tasks consume your attention and you lose sight of the overarching goals.



Stay grounded! Remember why you started and how your work fits into the grand scheme of things. Keep your eyes on the prize and your heart in the game.

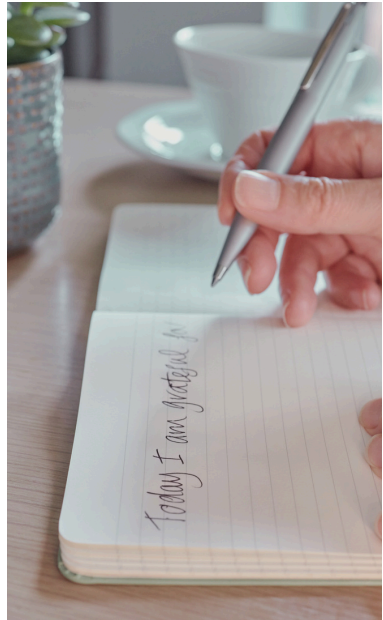
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STRESS MANAGEMENT  
TECHNIQUES

# STRESS MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

Take a few minutes each day to jot down your thoughts and feelings. This can help you identify stressors, reflect on your emotions, and gain clarity on potential solutions. Additionally, writing down three things you're grateful for can shift your focus to the positive aspects of your life. Try to make journaling a daily habit, perhaps as part of your morning or evening routine, to establish consistency and reap its benefits over time.



## *Journaling*



## *Time blocking*

Allocate specific blocks of time for work, relaxation, and personal activities. By organizing your schedule in advance, you can reduce overwhelm and ensure you have dedicated time for both productivity and self-care. Experiment with different time blocking methods, such as the Pomodoro Technique or the Eisenhower Matrix, to find a system that works best for you. Remember to be flexible and adjust your schedule as needed to accommodate unexpected tasks or changes in priorities.



## Mindfulness - Body Scan

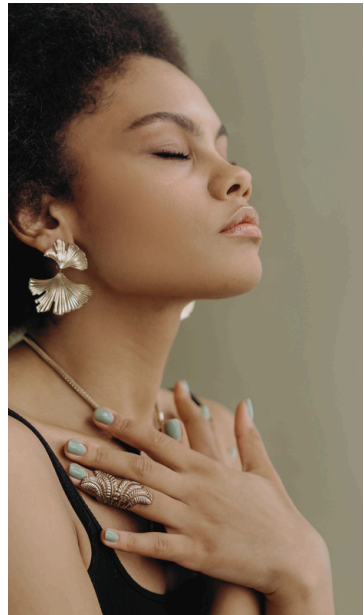
The 4-7-8 breathing technique is a simple yet powerful exercise for calming the mind and body.

Inhale deeply through your nose for a count of 4, hold your breath for a count of 7, and exhale slowly through your mouth for a count of 8. Repeat this cycle several times, focusing on the rhythm of your breath. This technique activates the body's relaxation response, calming the nervous system and reducing stress.

The 4-7-8 breathing technique can help reduce stress and anxiety, promote relaxation, and improve overall well-being by regulating the breath and activating the body's relaxation response.

# TACTICS TO MANAGE STRESS

The body scan is a mindfulness practice that involves systematically bringing awareness to different parts of the body, from head to toe. Set aside a few minutes to focus on each part of your body, starting from your toes and gradually moving up to your head. Notice any tension or discomfort, and consciously release it as you breathe deeply. This practice promotes relaxation and helps you tune into physical sensations, grounding you in the present moment.



## Breathing Exercise - 4-7-8 Technique:



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BUILDING SUSTAINABLE  
HABITS

# BUILDING SUSTAINABLE HABITS

Establishing sustainable habits is essential for maintaining focus, productivity, and overall well-being. Here are some strategies to help you build and maintain habits that support your success in the long run.

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## Start Small and Consistent

- Choose one small habit to focus on, like drinking more water or taking short walks.
- Make it easy to do every day, like drinking a glass of water when you wake up or going for a walk after lunch.

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## Anchor Your Habits

- Link your new habit to something you already do regularly, such as brushing your teeth or eating breakfast.
- This helps make your new habit a natural part of your routine.

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## Build Accountability

- Share your goal with a friend or family member who can cheer you on.
- Check in regularly with them to stay accountable and motivated.

# 04

## Focus on Progress

- Don't worry about being perfect—just focus on doing your new habit regularly.
- Celebrate your successes, even if they're small, and keep moving forward.

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## Prioritize Self-Care

- Take time for yourself each day, whether it's doing something you enjoy or simply relaxing.
- Remember, taking care of yourself is just as important as reaching your goals.



# YOUR NOTES:

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## AFTERWORD...

**Thank you for downloading "New at Startup: Survival Guide." It will definitely help you cope with the overwhelming excitement and balance your expectations.**

If you're facing challenges with

- stress,
- communication,
- motivation,
- creativity, or
- burnout,

remember that I offer 1:1 and team coaching sessions to provide personalized support and guidance. Feel free to reach out anytime for assistance.

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