## **Does warm milk really help a person fall asleep?**

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Milk contains various amino acids such as <u>tryptophan</u> that has sleep-inducing properties. Tryptophan is an essential <u>amino acid</u>, which people have to obtain from their diet since the body is unable to produce it. When tryptophan is broken down, a small portion of tryptophan is used to create <u>serotonin</u>, a brain chemical which gets converted into <u>melatonin</u>, a hormone that helps a person sleep.