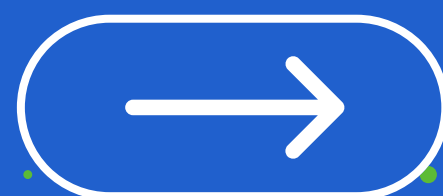


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## Opportunity Cost

### What

Opportunity cost is the value of what you give up by choosing one task over another.

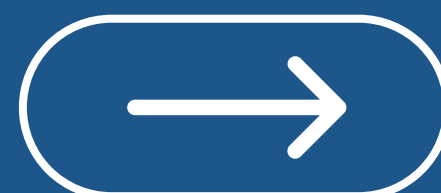
### How

Regularly review your backlog and assess the impact of deferred tasks. Implement a bi-weekly review meeting where you evaluate what has been postponed and why.

### When

Schedule these reviews at the end of each sprint or bi-weekly to ensure continuous alignment with your overall goals.

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## Team Morale & Burnout

### What

High-priority tasks often come with high stress and tight deadlines, leading to team burnout if not managed well.

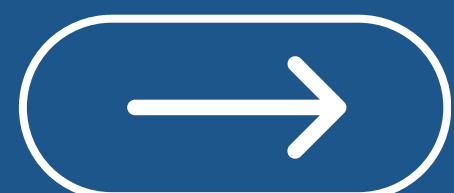
### How

Integrate less critical but engaging tasks into your sprints. Use tools like pulse surveys to gauge team morale and adjust workloads accordingly.

### When

Conduct pulse surveys monthly and adjust sprint plans based on the feedback to ensure a balanced workload.

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## Innovation Stifling

### What

Focusing too rigidly on prioritized tasks can stifle innovation by not allowing time for creative thinking and experimentation.

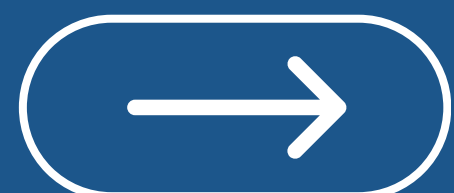
### How

Allocate specific times for low-priority tasks that encourage experimentation. Create a culture that values and rewards innovative ideas.

### When

Set aside a few hours each week or dedicate the last Friday of the month as an innovation day where the team can explore new ideas.

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