National Diabetes

## Seven Ways to Size Up Your Servings - English

Measure food portions so you know exactly how much food you're eating. When a food scale or measuring cups aren't handy, you can still estimate your portions.

Remember:

| 1 | 3 ounces of meat is about the size <br> and thickness of a deck of playing <br> cards or an audiocassette tape. |
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| 2 | A medium apple or peach is about <br> the size of a tennis ball. |
| 3 | 1 ounce of cheese is about the size <br> of 4 stacked dice. |
| 5 | $1 / 2$ cup of ice cream is about the <br> size of a racquetball or tennis ball. <br> is about the size of your fist. |
| 6 | 1 teaspoon of butter or peanut <br> butter is about the size of the tip of <br> your thumb. |
| 7 | 1 ounce of nuts or small candies <br> equals one handful. |
| MOST IMPORTANT <br> If you're cutting calories, remember to keep your diet nutritious: |  |

- 2-4 servings from the Milk Group for calcium
- 3-5 servings from the Vegetable Group for vitamin A
- 2-3 servings from the Meat Group for iron
- 2-4 servings from the Fruit Group for vitamin C
- 6-11 servings from the Grain Group for fiber

