

**NAME**

sleep – delay for a specified amount of time

**SYNOPSIS**

**sleep** *NUMBER*[*SUFFIX*]...

**sleep** *OPTION*

**DESCRIPTION**

Pause for *NUMBER* seconds. *SUFFIX* may be 's' for seconds (the default), 'm' for minutes, 'h' for hours or 'd' for days. Unlike most implementations that require *NUMBER* be an integer, here *NUMBER* may be an arbitrary floating point number. Given two or more arguments, pause for the amount of time specified by the sum of their values.

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

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**REPORTING BUGS**

GNU coreutils online help: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>>

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**SEE ALSO**

[sleep\(3\)](#)

Full documentation at: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/sleep>>

or available locally via: info '(coreutils) sleep invocation'