HELP IN THE MOMENT®

Anxiety relief resources you can use anytime, anywhere.



Bilateral Tapping: Bilateral tapping is the easiest way to reduce your anxiety and stress levels in a short amount of time. The tappers do the bilateral tapping for you, making it the easiest and most convenient resource of all.



If you do not have the tappers with you, place your hands on your thighs and begin to tap back and forth with your hands in an alternating pattern. (left/right/left/right).

You can also move your feet back and forth in the same alternating pattern.



Movement: Stretch, take a walk, jump up and down. Movement helps relieve muscle tension.



Drink Water: When we experience anxiety and stress, we often experience a dry mouth. By taking a drink of water or chewing gum, you are activating your digestive system, which in turn activates the relaxation response.



Focused Breathing: Slowly take in a deep breath, hold your breath for a second or two, breathe out slowly. Repeat this exercise several times or use any other focused breathing exercise you prefer.



Connection: As you begin to calm down, you will be able to articulate how you are feeling more easily. Acknowledging your feelings and sharing them with a safe person increases your sense of calm and safety.

IMPORTANT: The sequence of these grounding techniques is intentional. If you are with someone who is anxious and upset, you are encouraged to do these techniques with the person. Your presence, your encouragement, your role modeling of these techniques will help (co-regulation).

WINDOW OF TOLERANCE

Gaining a working understanding of the Window of Tolerance is the single most important thing that will help you effectively manage your stress and improve your relationships. Learning to recognize when you are outside your window of tolerance and utilizing resources to help your nervous system return to the green zone is a key component to your emotional health.

Sympathetic System is Activated
Feeling Overwhelmed
Can't Think Clearly
Rigid Or Chaotic Thinking
Anxious / Panic
Emotional Reactivity
Stress Patterns Emerge
No New Learning Can Take Place

Hyper-Arousal Red Zone Too Much Arousal



Yellow Zone (mild symptoms from list above)

Parasympathetic System is Activated

Experience a Full Range of Emotions But with a Sense of Control and Options

State of Mind is Calm, Alert, Flexible, Adaptable

Able to Self Regulate and Connect with Others

New Learning Can Take Place

Window of Tolerance
Green Zone
Optimal Level
of Functioning



Yellow Zone (mild symptoms from list below)

Poor Contact with Others
Isolation / Withdrawal from Others
Numbing of Emotions
Limited Awareness of Sensation
Hard Time Tracking Conversation
No New Learning Can Take Place

Hypo-Arousal
Blue Zone
Too Little Arousal

