

Feeling anxious is a normal part of life. Many people worry about things such as health, money, school, work, or family. But **anxiety disorders involve more than occasional worry or fear**. For people with these disorders, anxiety does not go away, is felt in many situations, and can get worse over time.

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:

- Emotional Signs Constant worrying, fear of judgment, feeling agitated or overwhelmed
- **Physical Symptoms** Stomach aches, headaches, sweating, trouble sleeping, feeling tired
- **Behavioral Changes** Avoiding activities, overplanning, struggling to focus, setting high expectations for oneself

## Deep breathing or mindfulness. Moving your body (exercise, stretching). Connecting with supportive people. Journaling or creative outlets. Seeking professional help when needed.

**HOW TO COPE:** 



## HOW TO START THE CONVO:

- Ask open-ended questions.
- Offer support, not solutions.
- Validate feelings.
- **Encourage** problem-solving.
- Model healthy behaviors.

## SCAN FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



**Find a provider**: 1N5.org/find-a-provider **Learn more**: https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders

