

## Be kind to your mind!

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# Your Mental Health Matters

Life is full of challenges.

When you feel stressed, make sure to practice healthy coping strategies:

deep breathing

journaling

listening to music

working out

taking a walk

making art

practicing gratitude

And avoid negative coping strategies like substance abuse (self-medicating), catastrophizing, shutting down/isolating, violence towards others, and/or self-harm.

### Are you struggling with any of the following?

- Frequent feelings of loneliness, anxiety, non-stop worrying, confusion, and/or depression
- Thoughts of suicide or of harming yourself in any way
- Difficulty controlling your emotions and maintaining healthy relationships
- Obsessive and/or compulsive thoughts/behaviors, hallucinations, paranoia



If so, you don't have to suffer in silence. There are many ways to seek support:

At school, reach out to your clinician, teachers, and support staff. Let someone know how you're feeling.

### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

If you or someone you know needs help now, Call or Text 988 or Chat 988Lifeline.org
988 is an alternative to calling 911 for people who are struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. Get immediate support from a mental health professional without involving law enforcement.

Teen Line
Call 800.852.8336 (6-10pm)
or Text 'TEEN' to 839863 (6-9pm)
Professionally trained teen listeners
provide support, hope, and resources.

### SAMSA

(Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Hotline) **800.662.4357** 

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