

4-7-8 breathing technique



Take a moment and check in with yourself



When we're feeling anxious, it can seem like there's no way out of it.

There are little things we can do to pause our worries and find some calm. Breathing techniques, meditation and guided imagery are a few.

Give 4-7-8 breathing a try right now. And if you've tried self-soothing and the anxiety remains, know that support is available.



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Before, during or after a stressful situation, try this simple breathing technique.

Inhale 4

Close your mouth and inhale for a count of 4 through your nose.

Hold 7

Hold your breath for a count of 7.

Exhale 8

Exhale through your mouth for a count of 8.

If you or someone you know has thoughts about suicide, seek help right away. To talk with a trained counselor, you can call the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline anytime. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911 – or go to the closest emergency room.

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