

Anxiety is part of the body's natural 'fight or flight' response to stress.

It can become a disorder when feelings of worry, fear or unease become excessive, persistent or interfere with daily activities.



## Things to know about anxiety





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#### Causes

genetics, environmental factors and life experiences



# Strategies to alleviate anxiety:



- deep breathing
  - adequate sleep
  - balanced diet
  - balancea alet

- 1 in 4 Australians will be impacted by an Anxiety Disorder in their lifetime
- It's not just 'all in your head'. Anxiety causes physical changes in the body to elevate heart and breathing rates, and accelerate the production of certain hormones.

### Anxiety may feel like...

- nervousness
- rapid heatbeat
- racing thoughts
- irritable, agitated
- muscle tension
- shortness of breath
- being on edge
- nauseous or diarrhoea
- · feelings of doom
  - participate in relaxing activities
  - limiting caffeine and alcohol
- seek professional help to discuss therapy or medication treatment options



### FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO US

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### 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 GROUNDING TECHNIQUE

A calming technique that connects you with the present by exploring the five senses.



things you can see



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things you can touch



things you can hear



things you can smell





thing you can taste