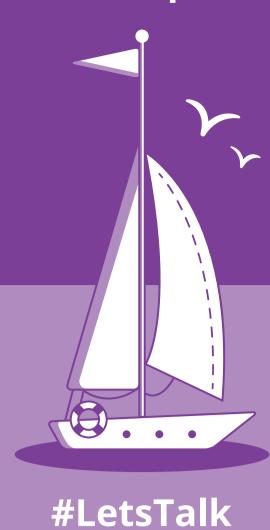
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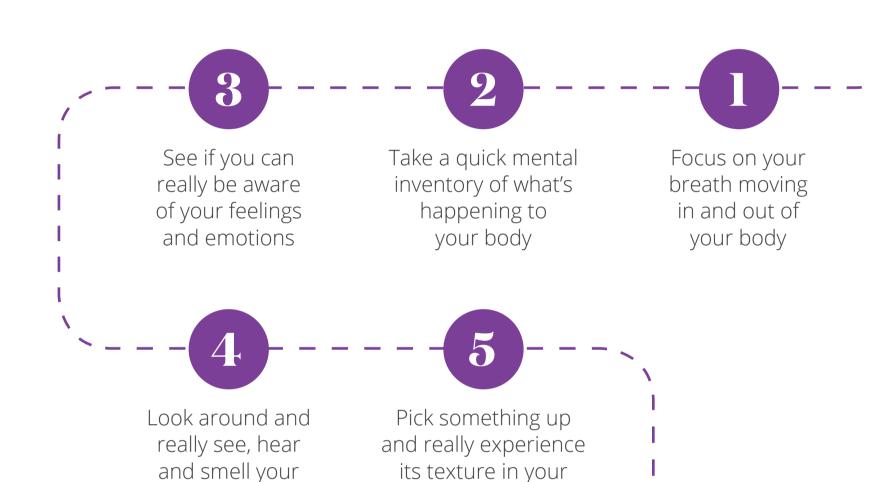
How to tame a panic attack



Panic attacks are frightening. They often happen without warning. There's sweating, your heart races and your pulse gets rapid. You may even feel shortness of breath and think you're having a heart attack, which increases your panic. Of course, you should never ignore heart attack symptoms or assume what you're experiencing is a panic attack.

Just breathe

When you feel yourself starting to panic, try responding with these calming techniques. They're commonly referred to as mindfulness exercises and you can do them in about five minutes. They should help you feel calmer almost immediately, allowing you to tackle the challenges of your day.



Here are some additional mindfulness

surroundings

Take breathing breaks Keep it positive throughout your day

> label the thought as unhelpful and

> > release it

its texture in your

hands



appreciate how lucky

you are to have good food to eat

from your immediate environment - like a flower, clouds or an object in the room – and focus on it for a minute or two

Choose a natural object

Get support

reduce stress with self-care resources, or an organisation taking steps to lower employee burnout by helping your workforce develop resilience, there are programs and resources to help put people on the path to better mental and physical health.

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