

# CBTm

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY WITH MINDFULNESS  
THÉRAPIE COGNITIVO-COMPORTEMENTALE DE LA PLEINE CONSCIENCE

Class 5

# Ground Rules

## Respect others

Please respect everyone's confidentiality

Please do not share with the class personal stories of trauma or suicidal or violent thoughts

## Talk to us

If you are distressed, please talk to staff members individually

# Class Outline

## Mindfulness

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# Grounding Exercise

Video on next slide!



Grounding exercises are strategies that can help bring you back to the present moment.

Other grounding strategies:

- Name as many animals as you can
- Count backwards from 100
- Name cities that start with an “S”
- Point to 15 objects in the room
- Focus your gaze on one spot in the room

But is grounding avoidance?



# TRY THIS 54321 GROUNDING EXERCISE ON A NATURE WALK

[https://youtu.be/pY0cw8P9U\\_s?si=2eOBD6vGuC2gg7ni](https://youtu.be/pY0cw8P9U_s?si=2eOBD6vGuC2gg7ni)

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# Review of Previous Action Plan

Mindfulness 5 min twice a day

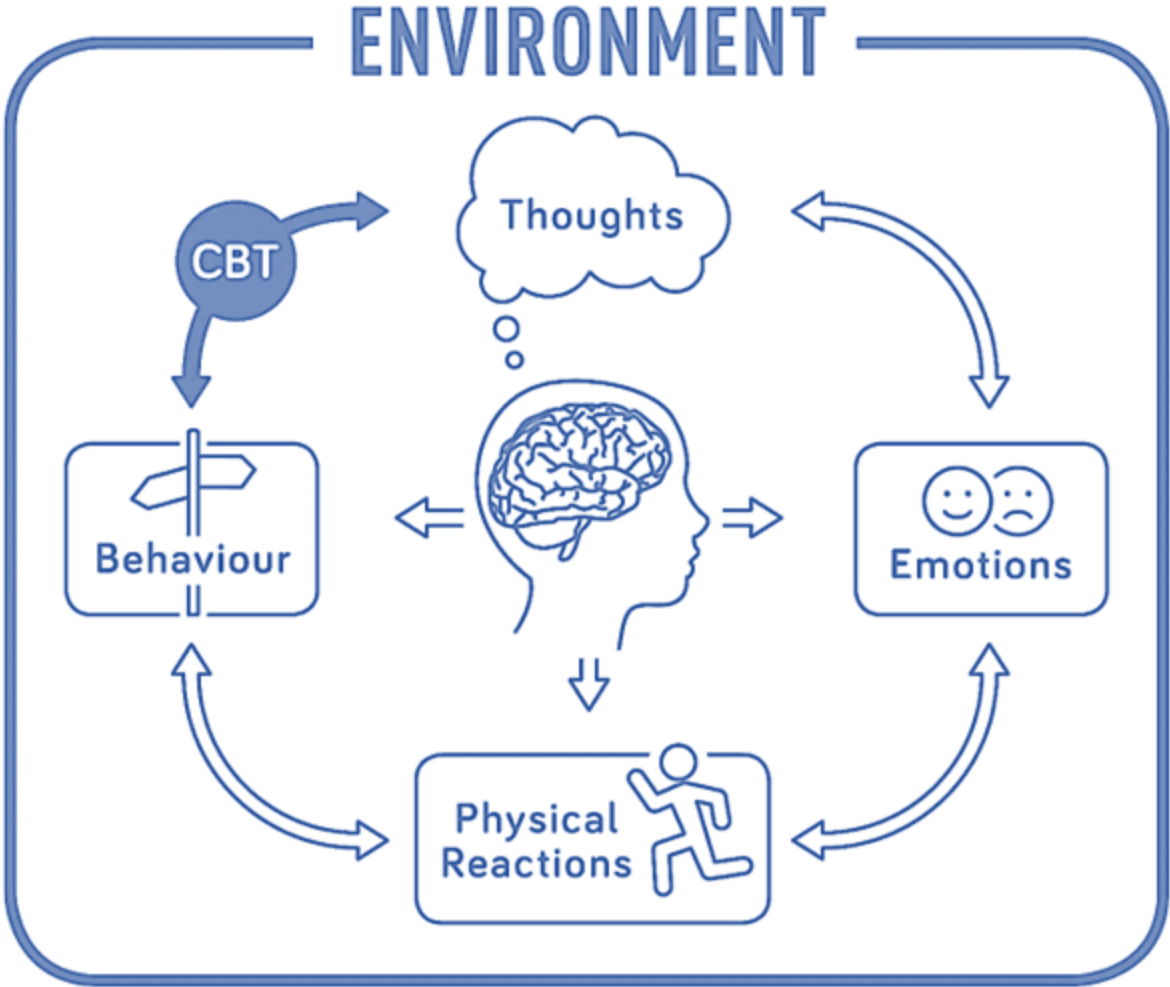
One thought record in the week (Testing Your Thoughts worksheet)

Visit problem-solving website for 15 min

Fill out problem-solving sheet

Work on your SMART goals

# The CBT Model





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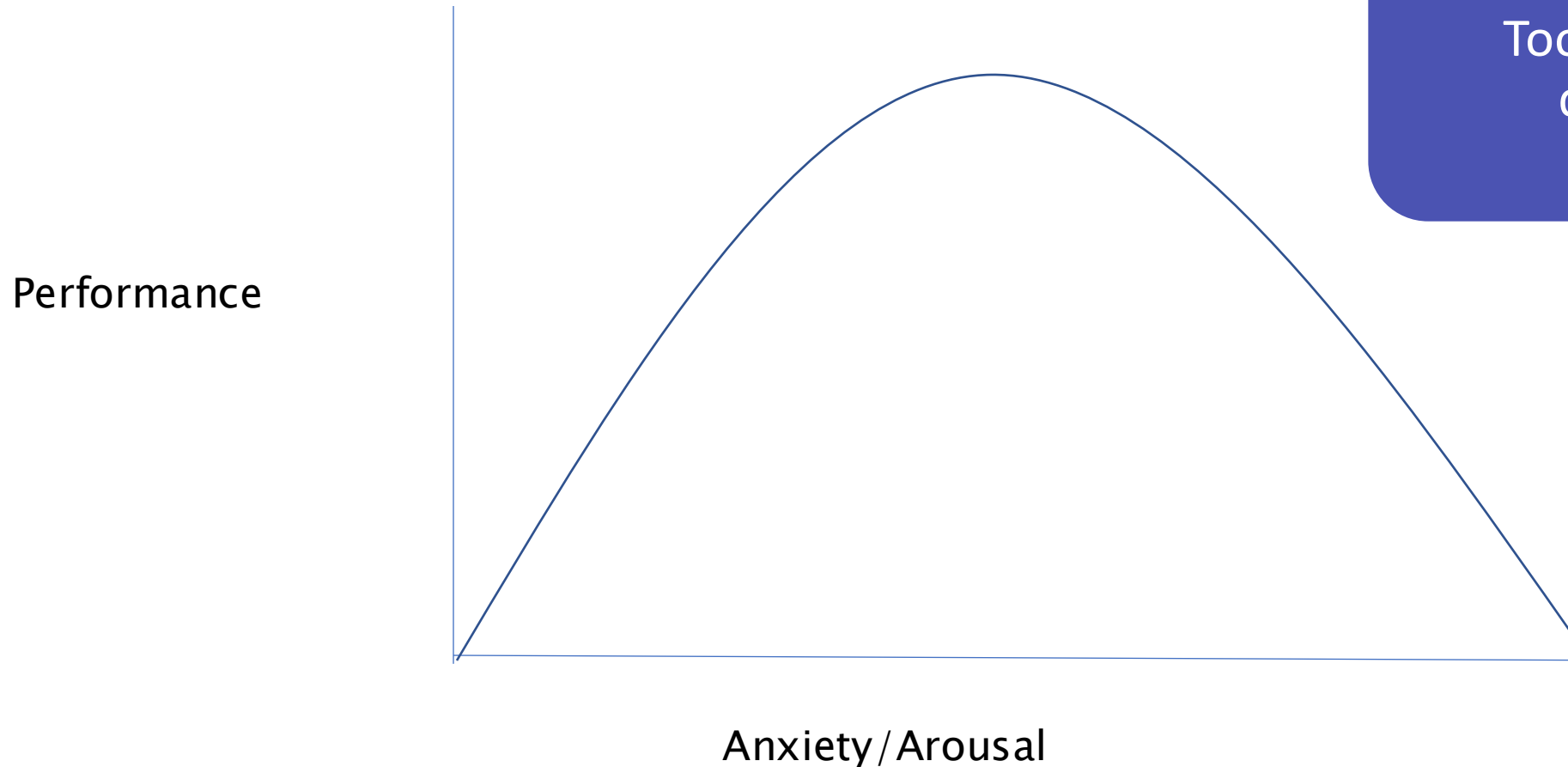
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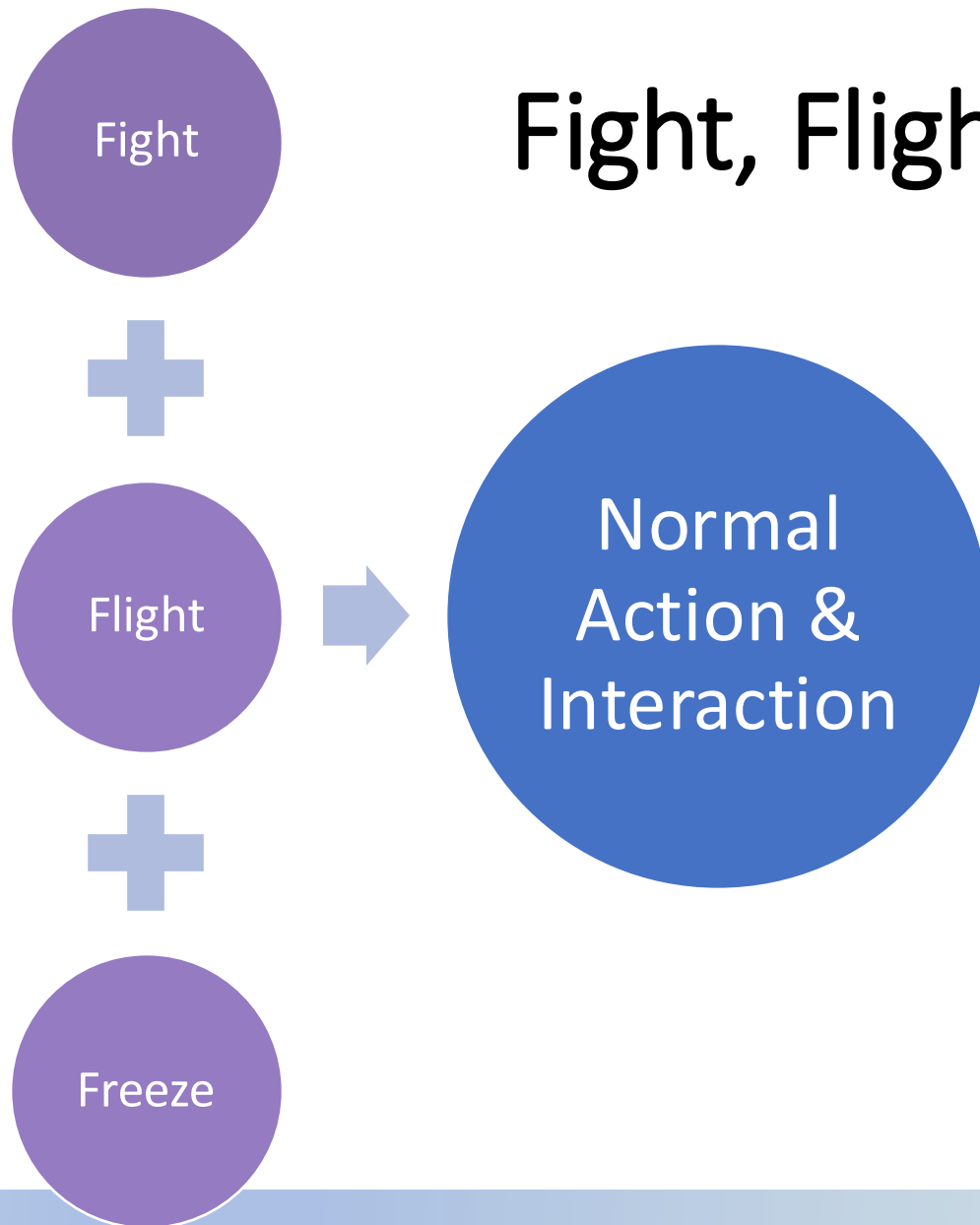
# Stress

Yerkes–Dodson curve



Some stress can be good.  
Too much can be debilitating.

# Fight, Flight, or Freeze Response



Our bodies all react similarly in response to something threatening.

The purpose of this response is to help us avoid harm.

# Fight, Flight or Freeze Response

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Sometimes, we experience “false alarms”.

If we experience these frequently and severely, they can get in the way of our functioning and quality of life.



# Fight, Flight or Freeze Response

- After very stressful experiences, all sorts of memories, places, people, and things can bring up reminders that set off false alarms
- Although the experience itself might have been dangerous and scary, the reminders are unpleasant but safe



Blue shirt example



Exercise: Do you have any false alarms going off?

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## Thinking Traps

## Stressful Experience Examples

### Overgeneralizing

Thinking that a difficult situation is part of a constant cycle of bad things that happen. People who overgeneralize often use words like "always" or "never".

Last time I drove downtown I made stupid errors. This always happens to me! I never manage this stuff well.

### All or Nothing Thinking

Seeing things as only right or wrong, good or bad, perfect or terrible. People who think in all or nothing terms see a small mistake as a total failure.

I can never let my guard down. People are bad. Nobody can be trusted.

### Fortune Telling

Predicting that something bad will happen, without any evidence.

If I'm not in full control, people will get hurt.

### Emotional Reasoning

Believing that bad feelings or emotions reflect the truth of a situation.

I feel guilty about what happened, so it must have been my fault/I must be to blame.

### Labeling

Saying only critical things about yourself or other people.

My organization does not support me! My supervisor is a jerk! I made a mistake therefore I'm incompetent!

Find this in  
your  
handouts!

Thinking  
traps about  
stressful  
experiences

## Thinking Traps

## Stressful Experience Examples

### 'Should' Statements

Telling yourself how you "should" or "must" act. "Should" statements about ourselves lead to guilt. "Should" statements about others lead to anger and resentment.

I should be able to handle this without getting upset/sad/angry/scared! I shouldn't let this affect me!

### Mind Reading

Jumping to conclusions about what others are thinking, without any evidence.

If I take a few days off to deal with this, my coworkers will think I'm weak.

### Mental Filter

Focusing only on the challenging parts of a situation and ignoring everything else.

I've driven for 20 years but had one serious accident. I am a horrible driver.

### Catastrophic Thinking

Exaggerating the importance of distressing things, believing the worst-case scenario, or thinking something is unbearable or impossible when it isn't.

Because I feel stressed/overwhelmed now, I won't ever be able to drive again.

### Personalization

You see yourself as the cause of some upsetting external event for which, in fact, you were not primarily responsible.

The family looks grief-stricken. They must blame me for what happened.



# Common Thinking Traps

Overgeneralization

All or Nothing  
Thinking

Fortune Telling

Emotional  
Reasoning

Labelling

Should Statements

Mind Reading

Mental Filter

Catastrophic  
Thinking

Personalization

**TESTING YOUR THOUGHTS***Stressful Experience Example*

What is the situation? I was involved in a car accident where a woman was taken to the hospital.

What am I thinking or imagining? It's my fault that she's hurt.

How much do I believe it?  a little  medium  a lot (or rate 0-100) 85

How does it make me feel?  angry  sad  nervous other guilty

How strong is the feeling?  mild  moderate  very strong (or rate 0-100) 90

What makes me think the thought is true?

I tried to do first aid, but I don't think it helped.

What makes me think the thought is not true or not completely true?

I did not cause the accident. I did everything I could think of to do.

What's another way to look at this?

I tried my best to help her, but she was hurt.

What's the worst that could happen? Would I still live through it? The family may blame me.

It'd be difficult, but I'd live through it. I know they're trying to make sense of things too.

What's the best that could happen?

The family could tell me that I did all I could and thank me for helping.

What will probably happen?

The family will not focus on me, but on their own worry.

What will happen if I keep telling myself the same thought?

I will not be able to continue driving.

What could happen if I changed my thinking?

I might be able to cope better and put this into perspective.

What would I tell my friend if this happened to them?

That they did the right thing by trying to help the woman and did everything they could.

What should I do now?

Talk to my friend/partner, go for a walk, listen to music, etc.

How much do I believe the negative thought now?

a little  medium  a lot (or rate 0-100) 50

How strong is my negative feeling now?

mild  moderate  very strong (or rate 0-100) 45

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handouts!

Thought record  
about a stressful  
experience

# Testing Your Thoughts

What is the situation?

What am I thinking or imagining?

How much do I believe it?

A little, medium, a lot (or rate 0-100)

# Testing Your Thoughts

How does that thought make me feel?

angry, sad, nervous, other...

How strong is the feeling?

a little, medium, very strong (or rate 0-100)

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## Helpful:

Sticking to usual routine

Healthy living strategies

Seeking social support

## Unhelpful:

Avoidance

- Behavioural
- Chemical
- Mental
- Emotional...

# Common Behaviours

# Avoidance

Avoid fearful situation

## *Short Term*

- Decrease in anxiety

## *Long term*

- Increase in anxiety
- Decrease in self-esteem
- Decrease in function

# Avoid Avoidance!

## Avoid fearful situation

### *Short Term*

- Decrease in anxiety

### *Long term*

- Increase in anxiety
- Decrease in self-esteem
- Decrease in function

## Face fearful situation

### *Short Term*

- Increase in anxiety

### *Long term*

- Decrease in anxiety
- Increase in self-esteem
- Increase in function

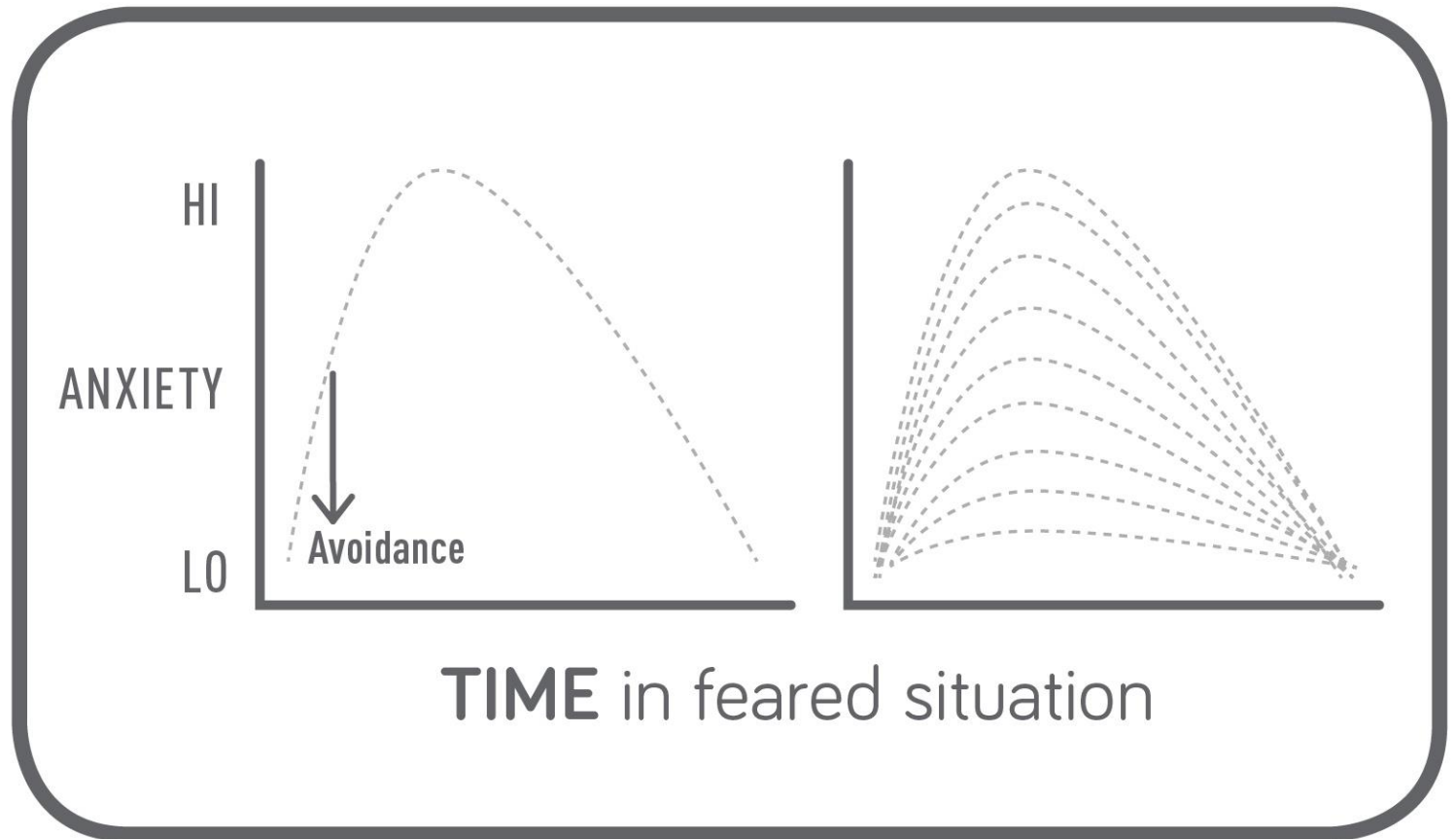
Facing your fears in a planned and repeated manner to fears.

Starting with fears that are a 3-4 out of 10 for an anxiety rating

Delay the avoidance

If possible, stay in the anxious situation until anxiety drops

# Exposure



# Exposure



In a planned and gradual way, put yourself in situations that set off a false alarm, over and over again, until it doesn't bother you as much anymore.



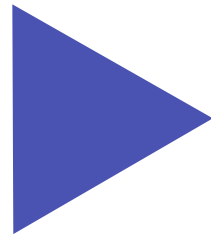
Example: How would you teach someone to be less afraid of the water?



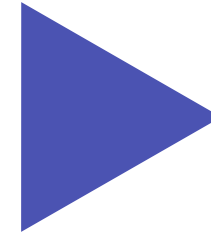
How could you apply the same logic to some of the situations in which you feel anxiety?

# Building an Approach Ladder

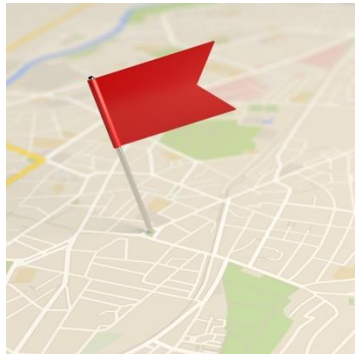
Mugging  
on Harris  
Street



Blue shirt  
example



Other  
examples?



# SMART Goals

Specific



Measurable



Attainable



Relevant



Timely



# SMART Goals

Specific

*Begin Harris St. exposures*

Measurable

*Daily practice for 20 min*

Attainable

*Gradually ↑ difficulty*

Relevant

*Important for my work*

Timely

*Starting today*

# Self-Compassion

Self-kindness vs.  
Self-judgment

Common  
humanity vs.  
Isolation

Mindfulness vs.  
Over-  
identification

<https://vimeo.com/65859796>

For more information on Dr. Kristin Neff's work on self-compassion, see her website:  
<http://self-compassion.org/>

# Growth After a Stressful Life Event

It is not:

Wanting to go through it again.

A way to “erase” the experience.

“Get over it and move on”

Now that the experience is over...

It is a process.  
It takes time and reflection.

What did I learn about myself and others?

I’m stronger than I thought.

I have more life experience and a different perspective.

I learned to be compassionate with myself.

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# Mental Health Continuum Model



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It offers a good way to evaluate your own or others' stress levels

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What changes do you need to make if you're in the "yellow" or "orange"?

# WELLNESS PLAN

**STEP 1:** Warning signs (thoughts, images, moods, behaviours) that indicate I'm feeling overwhelmed by stress

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2:** Three coping strategies - things I can do myself to take my mind off my problems

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3:** Three people I can call (just to hang out or talk to) or social settings where I can go for distraction

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 4:** Three people I can ask for help

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 5:** Professionals I can contact if I need more help

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mobile Crisis Unit - (204) 940-1781
3. Crisis Response Centre - 817 Bannatyne Avenue (24/7 walk-in crisis support)
4. Work resources: \_\_\_\_\_

## Making a Wellness Plan

Find this in your handouts!

# The Wellness Plan

Warning signs  
(thoughts, images,  
moods, behaviours) that  
indicate I'm feeling  
overwhelmed

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

3 coping strategies:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

3 people I can call (to just  
hang out or to talk to):

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

# Wellness Plan

Three people I can ask for help:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Professionals I can contact if I need more help:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_



# Wellness Plan Support Resources

24/7 Help  
Resources:



Crisis Response  
Centre

817 Bannatyne Ave.

Mobile Crisis Unit

204-940-1781

Klinic Crisis Line

204-786-8686

Suicide Crisis Helpline

Call or text 9-8-8

# Class 5 Action Plan

Pay attention to any false alarms.

Practice mindfulness for 5 minutes every day.

The next time you feel stressed or overwhelmed, try one of the following:

- Use a mindfulness exercise or grounding strategy
- Do a Testing Your Thoughts worksheet
- Make a SMART goal focused on your wellbeing
- Refer to your Wellness Plan

Work on your Wellness Plan and keep it handy. When you've finished it, take a picture of it with your phone so you have a copy with you wherever you go!

# Your Action Plan Going Forward

Now that CBTm Classes are done, what's next?

Check in with the professional that referred you

You have choices:

- Acknowledge your hard work, and take a break from mental health programs
- Group or individual therapy
- Take CBTm classes again

Remember what motivated you to take CBTm classes!

# Resources

## Adult Mobile Crisis Unit (24/7)

- Call (204-940-1781)

## Klinik Crisis Line

- Call (204-786-8686) OR (1-888-322-3019)

## Crisis Response Centre

- Call 204-940-1781. For *Community Intake* call: 204-788-8330

## Manitoba Suicide Prevention & Support Line (24/7)

- Call (1-877-435-7170). Visit their website <https://www.reasonstolive.ca>

## Addictions Foundation of Manitoba

- Call (204-944-6200) OR (1-855-662-6605)

## First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line

- Call (1-855-242-3310). An online chat feature is also available on their website <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca>

## Suicide Crisis Helpline (24/7) 9-8-8

- Call or text 9-8-8 for trauma-informed and culturally appropriate suicide prevention support

# CBTm Class Evaluation

