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# Being anxiety aware

#### WHAT IS ANXIETY?

Anxiety is more than just feeling stressed or worried. While stress and anxious feelings are a common response to a situation where a person feels under pressure, it usually passes once the stressful situation has passed, or 'stressor' is removed. Anxiety can linger long after the situation has passed.



### WHAT CAUSES **ANXIETY?**

It is often a combination of factors that can lead to a

person developing anxiety.

- Family history of mental health problems
- Stressful life events
- Physical health problems
- Substance use



## TYPES OF ANXIETY, THEIR SIGNS AND **SYMPTOMS**

There are many types of anxiety, with a range of signs and symptoms. These can include fatigue, restlessness, sweating, lack of concentration, racing thoughts, unwanted thoughts, hyper-vigilance, irritability, excessive worry, insomnia, palpitations or trembling.

#### WHO CAN ASSIST?

- General Practitioners (GPs)
- Mental health Nurses
- Psychologists
- Psychiatrists
- Accredited Mental Health Social Workers

- Occupational therapists in mental health
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers
- Counselors
- Complementary health practitioners
- Friends and Family







