

RED LIGHT SKILLS

RED LIGHT SKILLS are safety skills that we use when we are experiencing a crisis.

What is a CRISIS?

A crisis is when there is a sense of uncertainty about safety (self harm, suicide, harming others, or abuse) and/or not knowing how to respond to a situation.

How do we RESPOND TO A CRISIS?

TAKE A BREATH & ASK FOR HELP!

There are many resources that we can rely on when experiencing a crisis.

Reach out to one of these resources:

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE:

- **CALL 1-800-273-TALK (8355)**

*Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week

CRISIS TEXT LINE:

- **TEXT "Home" to 741741**

*Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week

REACH OUT TO SOMEONE IN YOUR SUPPORT CIRCLE:

NAME and PHONE NUMBER

Person who can provide a healthy distraction: _____

Person who I can ask for help: _____

Professional person or organization available to me: _____

Ways that I will reach them when I need help and/or am in crisis:

- In-Person Text
 Phone call Email

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Signs that require IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE:

Thoughts or impulses of harming yourself or others

Making plans to harm yourself or others

Feeling out of touch with reality

Other signs that you may be experiencing a crisis:

THINKING

- Any thought that you do not know how to handle on your own

SITUATIONS

- You do not feel safe
- Big life stressors (like losing someone close to you or losing your job)

OTHERS?

- _____
- _____
- _____

FEELING

- Sudden changes in your mood
- Quicker to anger or frustration
- Feeling like your mood is "out of control"
- More bad days than good days
- Extreme "low" and "high" feelings

ACTING

- Significant changes in your eating, sleeping, and/or hygiene
- Low motivation for responsibilities (school, work, etc.)
- Withdrawing from relationships and/or normal activities
- Use of substances to numb out