

Remember the first C in Stress First Aid is Check.  
Use the Mental Health Continuum Chart every day to check on your stress levels.

## Mental Health Continuum

	THRIVING	SURVIVING	STRUGGLING	IN CRISIS
	"I got this."	"Something isn't right."	"I can't keep this up."	"I can't survive this."
<b>Mood</b>	Normal mood fluctuations Ability to take things in stride	Being irritable or impatient Being sad or overwhelmed	Anger or anxiety Constant hopelessness	Angry outbursts or aggression Excessive anxiety or depression
<b>Attitude</b>	Good sense of humor Being in control	Displaced sarcasm Procrastination & forgetfulness	Negative attitude Poor concentration or decisions	Inability to perform duties, control behavior or concentrate
<b>Sleep</b>	Normal sleeping patterns Few sleep difficulties	Trouble sleeping or nightmares Intrusive thoughts	Restless or disturbed sleep Recurrent images or nightmares	Inability to fall or stay asleep Sleeping too much or too little
<b>Physical Health</b>	Being physically well Good energy level	Muscle tension or headaches Low energy	Increased aches and pains Fatigue	Physical illness Constant fatigue
<b>Activity</b>	Being physically and socially active	Decreased activity or socializing	Avoidance Withdrawal	Not going out or not answering phone
<b>Habits</b>	Limited or no alcohol use or gambling	Regular, but controlled alcohol use or gambling	Increased alcohol use or hard-to-control gambling	Alcohol or gambling addiction Other addictions

↪ Self Care & Social Support ↩
↪ Professional Care ↩

### Actions to take

Focus on task at hand Identify support systems Maintain healthy lifestyle Continue to check mental health	Recognize limits Identify and minimize stressors Use healthy coping strategies Do your <b>GRAPES</b>	Tune into signs of distress Ask for help Talk to professional or personal support person	Don't delay- seek professional help Follow health care provider recommendations
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