

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a trauma-related mental health condition that can develop after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event. It has a range of symptoms that can present differently from person to person.

- Emotional distress in response to something that reminds you of the event (trigger)
- Intense, intrusive thoughts and feelings related to a traumatic experience
- Flashbacks
- Nightmares
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Avoidance of things that remind you of the event - places, activities, people
- Negative view of the world, others, and yourself

- Withdrawal, isolation
- Emotional numbness
- Trouble with memory
- Sense of hopelessness or powerlessness
- Easily startled, on edge
- Sleep and appetite disturbances
- Guilt or shame
- Trouble with mood and emotional regulation
- Risk-seeking or self-destructive behavior

Trauma therapy or individual therapy greatly helps with coping with PTSD and overcoming your symptoms.

