

Signs & Symptoms of Vicarious Trauma

Please be aware of these signs and symptoms in exposed individuals:

Physical	Intellectual/Cognitive	Emotional	Behavioral	Spiritual
Fatigue	Decision Making	Excessive Emotion	Numbing	Blaming/feeling
Digestive Problems	Problems	Mood Swings	Shutting Down	abandoned by God
Headaches	Loss of Concentration	Increased Irritability	Risk-taking	Difficulty Praying Obsessing on Fate
Sleeping Difficulties	Confusion	Anger	Drinking	Extreme Religiosity
Eating Habits–Weight	Forgetfulness	Sadness	Substance Abuse	
High Blood Pressure	Low Productivity	Fear and Worry	Driving Fast/Angry	A change in views of God, your life or your world
Loss/Decrease Libido	Negative Attitude	Loneliness-Isolation	Extramarital Affairs	your world
	Loss of Sense of Humor	Crying Spells		

These Signs and Symptoms are **Normal** if they are:

- 1) Non-persistent
- 2) Non-intrusive

These Signs and Symptoms are a **Warning** if they are:

- 1) Intermittent
- 2) Mildly Intrusive

These Signs and Symptoms are **<u>Trouble Indicators</u>** if they are:

- 1) Persistent
- 2) Intrusive/Disruptive

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Resiliency Tools Menu

Personal Techniques	Team Techniques			
Individual workplace solutions	Team environment			
 Careful location of family images and photos Tailoring and beautifying personal space Making space comfortable and ergonomic Using inspirational images Educating colleagues (not kiddie porn, etc.) Individual personal decisions Exercise every day Eating healthier and more water Enough and better sleep Going to the dentist/doctor regularly Management of exposure and breaks Work to home & home to work transitions Cultivate social life in- and outside work Have interests outside work Get in touch with nature More laughter Self-education (self-help) Relaxation techniques Accept help when offered Seeking professional assistance if and when needed* (see below) 	 Respect collective space and equipment (e.g. care, cleanliness, etc.) Get to know coworkers Do informal events together Eat lunch together Celebrate life events Celebrate successes! Have fun outside of work Use appropriate humor generously Pay attention (like vs. care) Check in with others as necessary Offer assistance as appropriate Accept help Speak up! Workplace environment Good location (not dungeon) Not isolated Regular Breaks Enhance comfort of office space Paint Lighting 			
 Friends and family Talk to spouse about job (not graphic content) Datketopspoukeewabrditwithrspingisigns Talk to spouse about intrusive thoughts Talk to spouse about vigilance/ 	 Personal audio Television Family Photos Motivational wall hangings Posting of accomplishments (e.g. wall of shame) 			
 hypervigilance Assure kids of positive role/not cause of any moods Answer any questions kids may have Talk to friends about job – warning signs 	 Modification of dress code No cp last hour of day Come in late or leave early occasionally if need to Temporary duty breaks (working on other cases/ units) One wellness day off a month/quarter Choice to join or leave unit (when possible) with no penalties 			
Finding a mental h	nealth professional			
 Someone who knows what you do & has experience working with trauma Interviewing more than one candidate Know what questions to ask Addressing Confidentiality (Guide) Know the problems you might face Meeting your MHP half way 				