



MENTAL HEALTH FAST FACTS ABOUT ANXIETY DISORDER

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WHAT IS ANXIETY DISORDER?

All children experience anxiety, however if the anxieties begin to interfere with the daily activities of childhood, such as separating from parents, attending school and making friends, a referral should be made for mental health services.

Anxious children are often overly tense or uptight and often suffer from insomnia. Some may seek a lot of reassurance, and their worries may interfere with activities. Because anxious children may also be quiet, compliant and eager to please, their difficulties may be missed.

Children with severe anxiety problems may have:

- Many worries about things before they happen
- Constant worries or concern about school performance, friends, or sports
- Repetitive thoughts or actions (obsessions), rituals
- Fears of embarrassment or making mistakes
- Low self esteem

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANXIETY DISORDER

Anxiety Disorders Association of America

11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20852-2624
(301) 231-9350
<http://www.adaa.org>

Freedom From Fear

308 Seaview Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10305
(718) 351-1717

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

200 North Glebe Road
Suite 1015
Arlington, VA 22203-3754
(800) 950-NAMI
<http://www.nami.org>