

Social anxiety disorder begins in early to mid-teens, and can sometimes start in children or adults. The symptoms could show through:

Emotional and behavioral symptoms

- · Fear of situations in which you may be judged negatively
- · Worry about embarrassing or humiliating yourself
- · Intense fear of interacting or talking with strangers
- · Avoidance of doing things or speaking to people out of fear of embarrassment
- · Avoidance of situations where you might be the center of attention
- · Anxiety in anticipation of a feared activity or event
- · Intense fear or anxiety during social situations

Physical symptoms

- · Blushing
- · Fast heartbeat
 - · Trembling
 - · Sweating
- · Upset stomach or nausea
- · rouble catching your breath
- · Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Feeling that your mind has gone blank
 - · Muscle tension





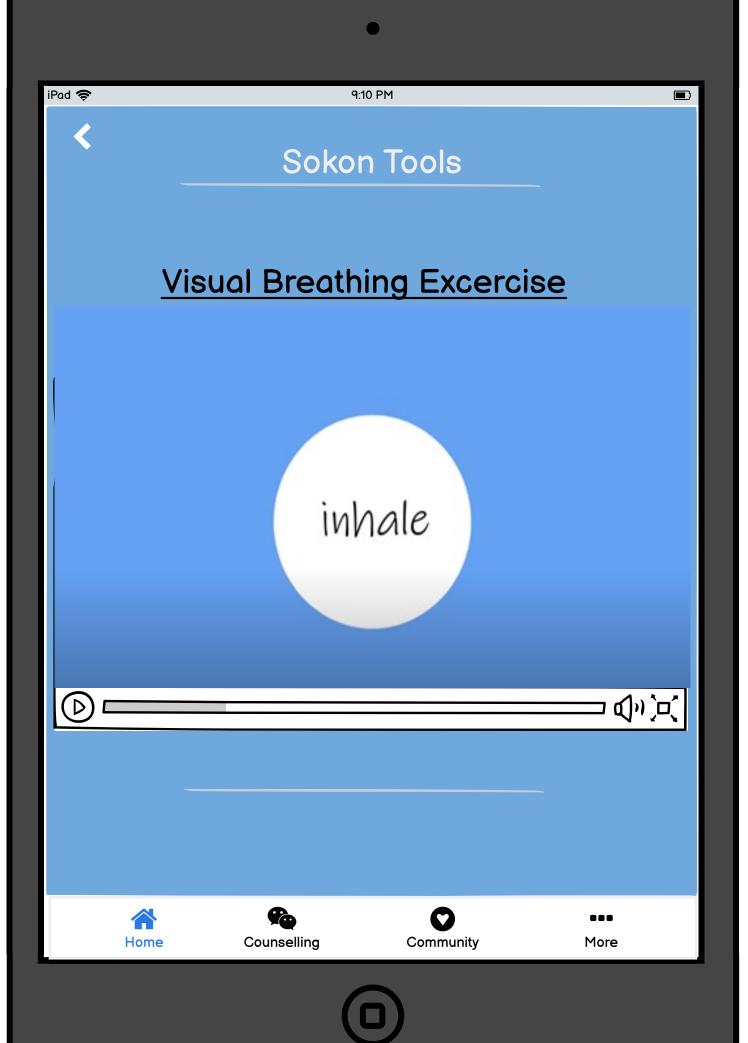


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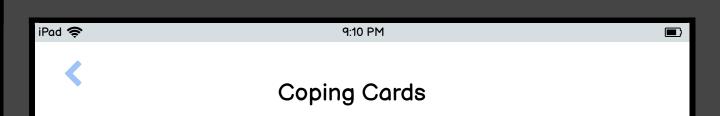
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I don't need to be perfect to be liked People are more concerned about themselves than me

I don't always need to be interesting or entertaining The people who actually matter accept me the way I am

People wouldn't think less of me if they notice I'm anxious

I don't have to believe everything I think







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Tips on how to overcome social anxiety:

Social anxiety plays a major impact on a person's daily life. It could become problematic and disrupt a person's work and personal life. Thus, it's important to address and find ways to cope with it even if it feels difficult to do so. Here is a list of methods to cope with social anxiety:

- · Start doing daily check ins by prioritizing journaling
- · Face your fears, don't hide from them
- · Reframe your thoughts and avoid thoughts that fuel social anxiety
- · Concentrate on dialling down the physical symptoms of social anxiety
- · Do something nice to someone else
- · Test out whether your beliefs about social settings are accurate
- Build your confidence by slowly but consistently facing feared social situations
- Prioritize practicing mindfulness and grounding exercises before overwhelming situations
- Remember to appreciate progress and be kinder to yourself by looking for the silver linings
- · Practice public speaking
- · Take care of your basic needs
- · Reach out when help is needed







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