





Many people will experience a traumatic event in their lifetime. These events can include accidents, serious illness, persistent racial trauma, sexual or physical assault, combat, and natural disasters, although this is not an exhaustive list. After these events, many people may notice changes in their emotions and behaviors. For some, these changes may resolve on their own, while others may experience longer-lasting difficulties.

# **Understanding PTSD**

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is the term used when difficulties with emotions and behaviors persist longer than one month following a trauma, and they significantly impact a person's life. About 10 percent of men and 20 percent of women who experience a trauma will develop PTSD. Symptoms typically fall into four categories:

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Reliving the event through unwelcome memories, flashbacks, or nightmares lacksquare

Avoiding reminders of the event

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Having more negative thoughts and feelings than before V

Feeling on edge or on high alert for danger

People with PTSD may also experience issues such as depression, risky drug and alcohol use, thoughts of hurting themselves, or physical health problems like chronic pain or high blood pressure.

If you or a loved one is in immediate crisis, **call 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline)** or contact your local crisis resources. If you are outside of the U.S., access the <u>International Emergency & Suicide Hotlines</u>. You may also escort them to the nearest emergency room.





#### **Modern Health Resources**

Several effective treatments for PTSD and associated problems exist, and Modern Health has providers trained in these options. We encourage you to take time for yourself throughout the day and use these helpful resources that come with your access to Modern Health.



## **One-On-One Support**

Modern Health can connect you with a certified coach or licensed therapist to help you address your needs. You can expect them to collaborate with you to develop a plan to address your stress and provide tools to navigate this experience moving forward.



## **Self-Guided Digital Programs**

If you prefer self-paced resources, check out our library of digital programs, including our:

- Managing Stress course
- Skills for Navigating Intense Emotions course
- Tools for Better Sleep, Rest, and Movement Throughout Your Day course



#### **Guided Meditations**

Modern Health also has short, guided meditations to give you a moment to find calm in your mind on topics such as:

- Stress and anxiety (2-10 minutes)
- Sleep (2-50 minutes)



