Grounding Techniques to manage panic and anxiety

use your hand, wherever you are, to bring you back to feeling safe.

use each finger to count one of the five senses.



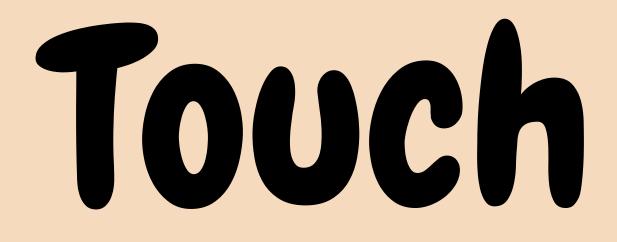
look out the window, name something you see

find something in your room that tells

you I'm here and I'm safe

read a book or magazine

name five things you can see



hold an ice cube or splash cold water on your hands and face

drink a hot or cold drink

stroke your arms cuddle a safe person or pet

massage your head

tune in to the sounds

put on some music

read aloud



around you

name what you can hear (e.g i hear a lawnmower, a bird, a dog barking) <

call your safe people



take a bite of something spicy

taste something sour, a lemon or a lime!

pause to notice the taste in your mouth

eat some strong mints to suck on

Smell

smell natural smells (e.g fresh cut grass, flowers, fresh air on the wind)

light a candle or an

incense burner

smell something that feels comforting (e.g fresh washed sheets, the smell of a pet) <

smell some essential oils