



Box Breathing

Take a Moment!

Goal: Take a slow, deep calming breath in through your nose, hold for 4 seconds; count to 4 while exhaling through your mouth; then pause for 4 seconds and repeat.

[Tip]: Draw a square on a piece of paper, or make a square on the floor using tape, and have your child finger trace/walk along each side of the square as they use the Box Breathing technique to calm themselves.

Why is this important? Breathing can be a great strategy to reduce anxiety.

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