Distress Tolerance: TIPP Skills

To reduce extreme emotion mind *fast*. Change your body chemistry.



TEMPERATURE

Change your body temperature. Splash your face with cold water, hold an ice cube, let car AC blow on your face, take a cold shower

INTENSE EXERCISE



Do intense exercise to match your intense emotion. Sprint to the end of the street, do jumping jacks, push ups, intense dancing

PACED BREATHING



Try Box Breathing: Breathe in for 4 seconds, hold it for 4 seconds, breathe out 4, and hold 4. Start again, and continue until you feel more calm.



Focus on 1 muscle group at a time. Tighten your muscles as much as possible for 5 seconds. Then release & relax. Repeat with other muscle groups.

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