

CHILDHOOD ANXIETY SYMPTOMS CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to help you recognize common signs of anxiety in children. Use it as a guide—not a diagnosis—and reach out to a trusted professional if you notice ongoing patterns.

Every child deserves support, understanding, and a safe space to grow.

 EMOTIONAL & COGNATIVE SYMPTOMS Constant or excessive worry about school, safety, or social situations. Trouble calming down or letting go of anxious thoughts. Fear of making mistakes or needing things to be 'Perfect'. Frequently asks for reassurance Appears overwhelmed or stressed out by minor challenges
BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS Avoids school, group activities, or public settings Refuses to sleep alone or be away from parent or caregiver Has frequent tantrums, meltdowns, or clingy behaviors in new situations. Shows signs of select mutism (won't speak in certain settings) Tries to control or avoid things that trigger anxiety
PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS Complaints of stomachaches, headaches, or nausea with no clear cause Has trouble falling or staying asleep Appears restless or fidgety Sweats easily or has a racing heart when anxious Tires easily or seems low-energy despite normal activity