# **Stress Continuum Model**

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# READY

(Green)

#### DEFINITION

- · Optimal functioning
- · Adaptive growth
- Wellness

#### **FEATURES**

- · At one's best
- · Well trained and prepared
- · In control
- Physically, mentally, and spiritually fit
- Mission focused
- Motivated
- Calm and steady
- · Behaving ethically
- · Having fun

# REACTING

(Yellow)

#### DEFINITION

- Mild and transient distress or loss of functioning
- · Always goes away
- · Low risk for illness

# CAUSES

· Any Stressor

### **FEATURES**

- Feeling irritable, anxious, or down
- · Loss of motivation
- · Loss of focus
- Difficulty sleeping
- Muscle tension or other physical changes
- Not having fun

# INJURED

(Orange)

#### DEFINITION

- More severe and persistent distress or loss of function
- · Leaves a "scar"
- · Higher risk for illness

#### CAUSES

- Life Threat
- Loss.
- Inner Conflict
- · Wear and Tear

# **FEATURES**

- · Loss of control
- Panic, rage, or depressed mood
- Substance Abuse
- · Not feeling like normal self
- Excessive guilt, shame, or blame
- Diminished sense of purpose, meaning, or hope in the future

# ILL

(Red)

#### DEFINITION

- Unhealed stress injury causing life impairment
- · Clinical mental disorder

# **TYPES**

- PTSD
- Depression
- · Anxiety
- · Substance Dependence

#### **FEATURES**

- Symptoms persist and worsen over time
- Sever distress, social or occupational impairment

Unit Leader Responsibility

Individual, Peer, Family Responsibility

Caregiver Responsibility

# Mental Habits to Reduce Stress and Burnout

Center for Creative Leadership

# Wake Up



Focus on the present, not the past or future

# Control Your Attention



Train your mind: practice focusing consciously

# Detach



Get some space to maintain perspective

# Let Go



Don't continue to ruminate; let it go

# HEALTHY HABITS TO RELIEVE STRESS

- WALK THE DOG
- 2 GARDEN
- ယ TAKE A HOT BATH
- 4 PLAY SOOTHING MUSIC
- 5 LIGHT CANDLES
- 6 MEDITATE
- 7 LAUGH
- 8 WRITE IN A JOURNAL





