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## Mental Wellness Tools

- Anything that makes you feel better – nature, hobbies, pets
- Medication – helps with moderate to severe mental illness
- Therapy – if you live with a mental illness, having mental health issues, or even if you don't, therapy is a safe place to talk.
- Supports – trusted family, friends, teacher, peer support worker to help you in good times and bad
- Abstain from substance use – alcohol and drugs can cause backwards steps to good mental wellness.
- Use good social media practices
- The basics – sleep, eating well, exercise and a good routine.



## Mental Health Resources

- Call the Schizophrenia Society Peer Support Worker at: **1-877-584-2620**.
- Call **211** or use [www.sk.211.ca](http://www.sk.211.ca) to find mental health resources and more in your area.
- Call **811** if you need mental health support, you can talk to a nurse or mental health counsellor confidentially 24/7
- **911** if it is an emergency such as serious thoughts of suicide or acts of self-harm.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Nations and Inuit Help Line**  
1-855-242-3310 (toll free) or visit <https://www.hopeforwellness.ca/>
- **Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868**
- **Regina Mobile Crisis: 306-757-0127**
- **Saskatoon Crisis Service: 306-933-6200**
- **Centralized Intake for Mental Health and Addictions:**  
**Regina: 306-766-7800**  
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## What is Schizophrenia?

- Schizophrenia is a **mental illness that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves**. People with schizophrenia may seem like they have lost touch with reality, which causes significant distress for the individual, their family members, and friends.

## What is Psychosis?

- Psychosis is described as disruptions to a person's thoughts and perceptions that make it difficult for them to realize what is real and what isn't.

## What is Depression?

- Depression is used to describe a long period when a person feels sad to the point of feeling worthless, hopeless and/or helpless.

## What is an Anxiety Disorder?

- Anxiety disorders are a group of related conditions, each having unique symptoms. Those suffering from anxiety disorders all experience persistent, excessive fear or worry in situations that are not threatening.

## What is Bipolar?

- Bipolar disorder is a mental illness that causes dramatic shifts in a person's mood, energy and ability to think clearly. People with bipolar experience high and low moods—known as mania and depression—which differ from the typical ups-and-downs most people experience.



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