

## Brain Injury Alliance I o w A MINDFULNESS





a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations

- Focus on breathing for 60 seconds. Take a deep breath in through the nose, hold for 6 seconds, and then breathe out through the mouth for 6 seconds
- If agitated, tune into what the body is doing (e.g., tapping foot, clenching fists)
- Focus on input from your five senses: touch, sight, smell, hearing, and taste (e.g., choose any color and spend 1 minute finding objects near you in that color)
- Describe an object in the room for 60 seconds (identify the texture, shape, and physical features)
- Utilize free mindfulness apps to learn more grounding exercises

You cannot breathe in the past, you cannot breathe in the future, but you can focus on breathing today



