# SYMPTOMS OF STRESS

#### PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

- Extremely tired
- Headaches
- Difficulty sleeping
- Dizziness
- Sleeping too much
- Frequently sick
- Dry mouth
- Lump in throat
- Tight or aching neck and shoulders
- Increased perspiration
- Heartburn
- Backache or pain
- Faster beating heart

#### **BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS**

- Grinding teeth
- Not hungry
- Over-eating
- Fidgety and restless
- Increased alcohol consumption
- Smoking or using tobacco products
- Acting out
- Using drugs
- Tapping fingers or feet
- Nail biting
- Declining academic grades
- Trembling legs

## **EMOTIONAL SYMPTOMS**

- Irritable
- Increased outbursts of anger
- Overly aggressive
- Withdrawn
- Anxious
- Lack of initiative
- Cries a lot
- Excessive worry
- Apathetic or indifferent
- Overly critical
- Lack of concentration
- Feeling of helplessness
- Overly emotional
- Impatient
- Unhappy

### **COGNITIVE SYMPTOMS**

# (how stress affects ability to think, reason, remember)

- Difficulty with memory
- Inability to concentrate
- Unable to make decisions
- Trouble thinking clearly
- Uses poor judgment
- Negative
- Constantly worrying
- Confused

