Stress Profile

Everyone has a different blueprint for how their body tries to adapt to overstress. What is your blueprint? Knowing yours can help you create an action plan for stress.

Examples of Physical Symptoms

Headaches	Appetite or weight change
Getting colds a lot	Lowered sex drive
Stomachaches, digestive upsets	Racing heart
Sweaty palms	Dizziness
Sleep difficulties or overtiredness	Rash
Muscle tension or aches, esp. in jaw, neck, shoulde	ers or back
Examples of Beha	avioral Signs
Teeth grinding	Restlessness
Bossiness or short temperedness	Use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco
Compulsive eating or chewing gum	Fewer contacts w/ friends, loneliness
Attitude critical of others, feeling controlling	Inability to get things done
Foot tapping or finger drumming	
Examples of Emo	otional Signs
The blues, little joy, or crying	Nervousness, anxiety
Overwhelming sense of pressure	Boredom-no meaning to things
Easily upset or discouraged	Irritability, ready to explode
Feeling powerless to change things	
Examples of Cog	gnitive Signs
Trouble thinking clearly	Inability to make decisions
Thoughts of running away	Negative attitudes
Low productivity	Loss of sense of humor
Forgetfulness, memory loss	Whirling, racing mind