

# Signs and symptoms of anxiety

## **Feelings**

- feeling fearful, scared, upset or "on guard"
- irritability
- feeling keyed up or on edge

#### **Behaviours**

- excessively repetitive behaviours (e.g., cleaning or washing)
- avoiding people, places or activities
- excessive checking or reassurance seeking or online 'research'

## **Physical symptoms**

- trembling, twitching or feeling shaky
- restlessness
- becoming easily tired
- difficulty concentrating or mind going blank
- trouble falling or staying asleep
- · gas, constipation or diarrhea
- being easily startled
- shortness of breath or smothering sensations
- · racing and/or pounding heart
- · sweating or cold clammy hands
- · dizziness or lightheadedness

### **Thoughts**

- re-occuring thoughts or images of harm to the baby
- unrealistic or excessive worry about the baby or other topics