# **Common Individual Reactions to Disasters**





### **Emotions**

May be intense. / May change over time.

- Disbelief
- Fear
- Helpless/hopeless
- Anxiety
- Loss of trust
- Feeling detached
- Irritable
- Anger
- Guilt
- Restless
- Sadness
- Numbness

# **Thoughts**

- Flashbacks
- Nightmares
- Previous trauma
- Suspicious
- Blaming
- Poor concentration
- Forgetfulness
- Confusion
- Belief that life won't get better
- Fear of future disasters





## **Behaviors**

- Isolating Pacing
- Work or school problems
  Reckless/risk-taking
- Fidgeting
- Fatigue

#### • Fighting/arguing



### **Physical**

- Appetite changes
- Sleep changes
- Easily startled
- Hypervigilance
- Headaches
- Stomachaches
- Rapid heartbeat

- Sweating
- Chills
- Tension
- Aches & pains
- Edginess
- Sex drive changes