

Stay calm.

Initiate a short break if you are unable to remain calm.

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Follow pre-established break rules:

- Identify how long the break will last (ideally between 20 60 minutes)
- Identify if separate rooms are needed during the break
- Identify designated reconvening spot in the house

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## Reconvene + Check in

- Verify readiness to resume the conversation
- If one or both of you are not ready to resume, initiate another 20-min break

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Take turns sharing, leading with 3-Part-I-Statements:

• "I feel (emotion) when I see/hear (action/words), and it makes me think (thought)."

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## Reflective Listening + Validation

• Reflect what the speaker said, using their own words as much as possible, then check for accuracy before validating their feelings