



YOUR STEPS TO FREEDOM



Have you ever found yourself avoiding a place, object, or situation simply because of the intense fear or discomfort it brings?



**YOU ARE
NOT ALONE**



If you've ever struggled with a phobia, know that you're not alone. Phobias are common and affect many people around the world, impacting everyday choices and experiences.

In fact, you may be surprised to learn just how widespread these feelings are.

Read on to find out a bit more about your fears and how we help.

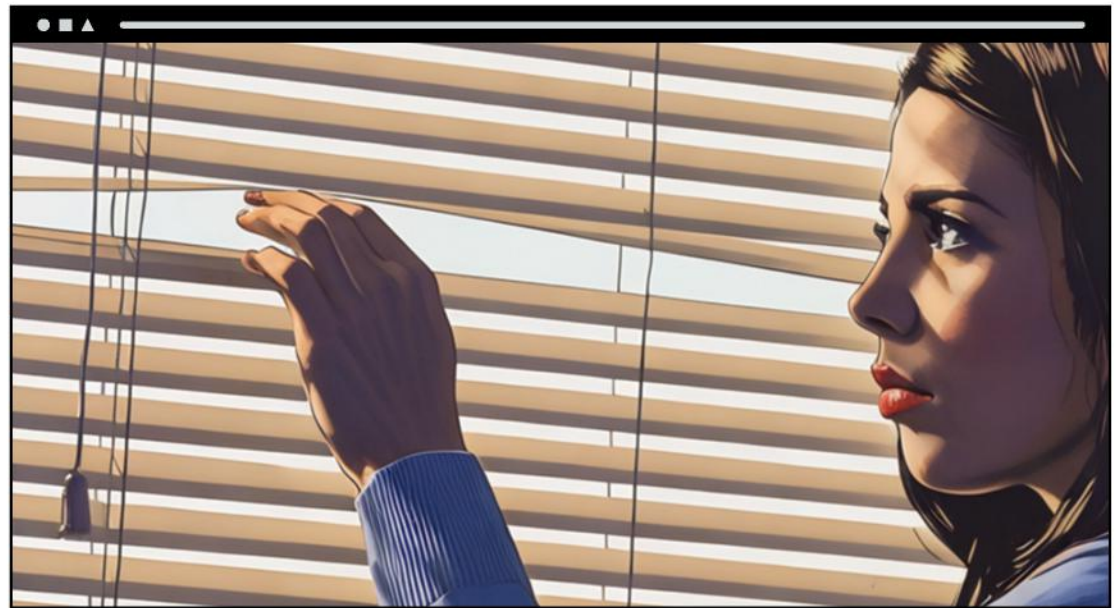
AGORAPHOBIA

Agoraphobia can make it hard to feel safe in public or open spaces without a trusted person nearby.

You might worry about feeling trapped, helpless, or embarrassed in public, which can limit what you do and make you avoid certain situations.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Up to 4% of people experience it in their lifetime.
- Often developing in young adulthood.



SOCIAL PHOBIA

Social Phobia (*Social Anxiety Disorder*), is the intense fear of being judged, embarrassed, or humiliated in social situations.

This anxiety can impact your everyday life from work to friendships.

DID YOU KNOW?

- It is one of the most prevalent anxiety disorders
- Nearly 1 in 8 people experiencing it at some point in their lives

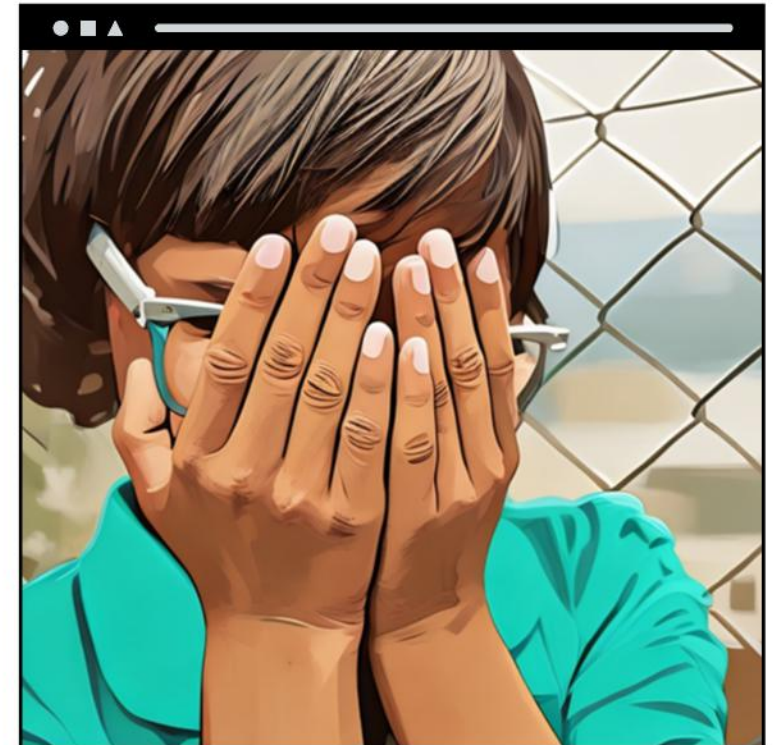


SPECIFIC PHOBIA

A ***Specific Phobia*** is an intense, irrational fear of something specific, like heights, animals, or enclosed spaces.

DID YOU KNOW?

- It affects around 10-15% of people in their lifetime
- It typically begins in childhood
- Studies show women are twice as likely as men to report phobias, especially of spiders and similar animals
- Animal phobias can cause avoidance behaviours that disrupt daily life, such as steering clear of outdoor areas, certain animals, or places where the animal might be encountered.



Specific Phobias Below is a list of the most common ones we treat.

1. ANIMAL PHOBIAS

Fear of specific animals or insects (*spiders, insects, dogs, etc*)

2. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PHOBIAS

Fear of natural events or environments (*heights, storms, water, etc*)

3. BLOOD-INJECTION-INJURY PHOBIAS

Fear of blood, needles, injuries, or medical procedures

4. SITUATIONAL PHOBIAS

Fear of specific situations or environments (*airplanes, elevators, enclosed places, etc*)

5. OTHER PHOBIAS

Includes unusual or complex fears (*situations that may lead to choking or vomiting, loud sounds, costumed characters, death, the dark, etc*)

HOW VIRTUAL REALITY EXPOSURE THERAPY (VRET) CAN HELP YOU OVERCOME PHOBIA

Mind Up's The Phobia Clinic® uses **Virtual Reality Exposure Therapy (VRET)** to help you overcome your phobia.

Unlike real-life exposure, VR gives us the ability to standardise and control each session, allowing you to repeat exposures without the risk of reinforcing your fear.

Session by session, we'll guide you to develop the skills and confidence you need to handle these situations in the real world.



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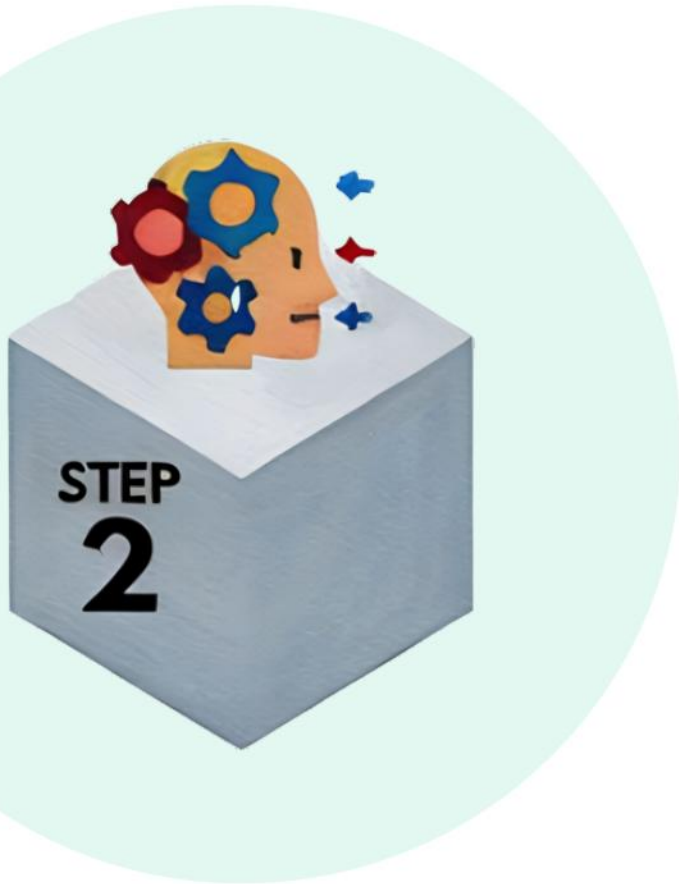
Psychoeducation and Fear Management

In a face-to-face consultation with a psychologist, you will take the first step in learning to face your fear by:

- understanding why fears develop
- identifying the unhelpful thoughts that drive your fear
- and recognising how your body responds to fear



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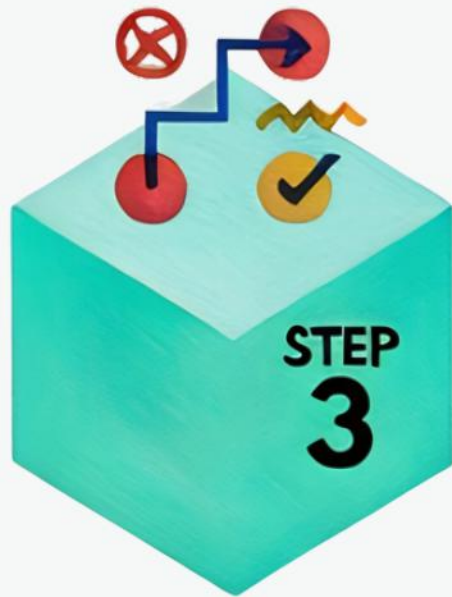


Cognitive Therapy Strategies

You will understand how you think about the feared object or situation.

Following the principle, "*you think, therefore you feel*", this approach will help you challenge unhelpful or irrational thoughts that fuel your fear.

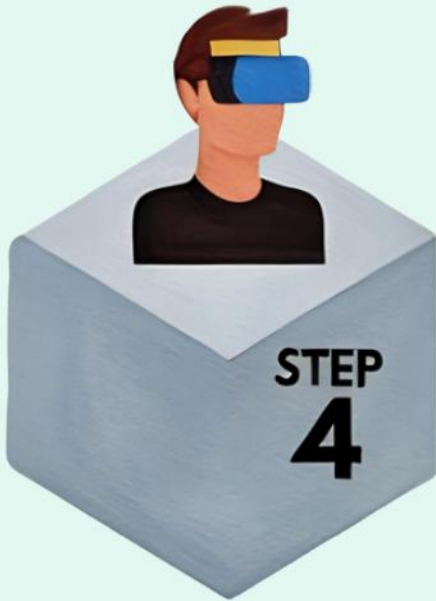
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Behavioural Strategies

You will learn strategies to challenge your fearful thoughts, manage your emotional reactions, and prepare for exposure based on Cognitive Behavioural and Exposure Therapy principles.

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Virtual Reality Exposure Therapy

To address your fear, you will be gradually exposed to it in a safe and controlled environment. Your psychologist will guide you through the virtual reality component of the course.



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Exposure and Skills Practice

Finally, putting all the skills you've learned in the course into practice will be key to helping you overcome your phobia.

At this stage of the course, you will have the confidence to face your fear in a real-life exposure session.

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EXPECT US TO:

deliver a professional evidence-based course

teach you the skills needed to bust your fears

focus on practical steps to better control how you respond to the world and your thoughts

walk you through the **5 STEPS** to life-changing freedom



**FEAR
IS A REACTION.**

**COURAGE
IS A DECISION.**

- Winston Churchill



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