## Peace of Mind in Challenging Times: Comfort is just around the corner

Mr. Wong, Shing and Mrs. Fong live in the same neighbourhood

On this fine morning

Mr. Wong goes to the park and plays chess with his friend

Checkmate!

On his way home

Mr. Wong runs into a group of protestors

My goodness, how can I return home!

Meanwhile, Shing is shopping in a mall

when he hears people shouting the protest slogans

He gets really irritated and says

The noises are so annoying!

From Mrs. Fong's home, she can also see protestors taking to the streets

She feels scared and worried

not knowing what she can do

## **Expert Advice**

When facing unexpected situations we may feel afraid, annoyed or worried and even lose our appetite and sleep These responses are all normal and most often temporary With proper management they will gradually alleviate **Tips** 

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Act promptly

Take our three seniors as examples When facing these unexpected situations we should first ensure our own safety by leaving the scene of the incident and going somewhere safe To avoid conflict, do not provoke others If necessary, call the police for help Alleviate distress Afterwards, we can talk to reliable friends or families to share our feelings We can also take deep breaths to relax ourselves and do some relaxing activities Try to maintain a daily routine to stabilise our mood Seek help If the emotional distress persists and affects our daily living promptly consult a doctor

After listening to the tips what will our three seniors do? Let's have a look at Mr. Wong He and his friend immediately go somewhere safe We'll stay here until the demonstration ends Meanwhile, in order to calm himself down Shing decides to leave the mall and get a breath of fresh air outside Deep breathing loosens me up a lot As for Mrs. Fong, she waits until her daughter gets off work and calls her to share her own feelings Her daughter comforts her and encourages her to find some distractions by engaging in her favourite pastime at home **Reminders** 

When faced with unexpected events, remember to: Ensure our immediate safety Do some relaxation practices such as deep breathing to calm our emotion Share our feelings with others afterwards Emotional distress is often temporary If it persists, consult a doctor