How Trauma Can Affect Your Window Of Tolerance

HYPERAROUSAL
Anxious, Angry, Out of Control, Overwhelmed
Your body wants to fight or run away. It’s not something you choose – these reactions just take over.

WINDOW OF TOLERANCE
When you are in your Window of Tolerance, you feel like you can deal with whatever’s happening in your life. You might feel stress or pressure, but it doesn’t bother you too much. This is the ideal place to be.

HYPOAROUSAL
Spacy, Zoned Out, Numb, Frozen
Your body wants to shut down. It’s not something you choose – these reactions just take over.

When stress and trauma shrink your window of tolerance, it doesn’t take much to throw you off balance.

Working with a practitioner can help expand your window of tolerance so that you are more able to cope with challenges.

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