

**Box breathing,** or square breathing, is a slow breathing technique used most often to relax the mind and body. While box breathing can be done anywhere, practicing the technique in a quiet, dimly lit environment can help you focus on your breathing.

## **Box Breathing Benefits**

- 1. Reduces stress and anxiety
- 2. Supports lung function
- 3. Improves mood
- 4. Improves sleep
- 5. Aids in meditation

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If it's a medical emergency, CALL 911.



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## How to Practice Box Breathing

- 1. Exhale slowly until your lungs are empty.
- 2. Inhale slowly through your nose for four counts.
- 3. Hold your breath for four counts.
- 4. Exhale slowly through your mouth for four counts.
- 5. Hold your breath for four counts.
- 6. Repeat steps 2-5 three more times.

