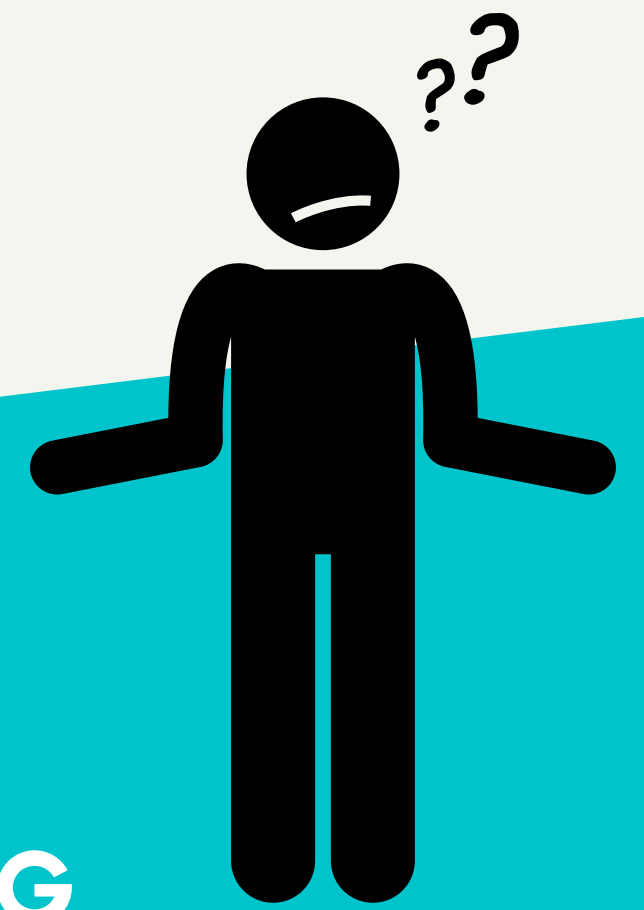
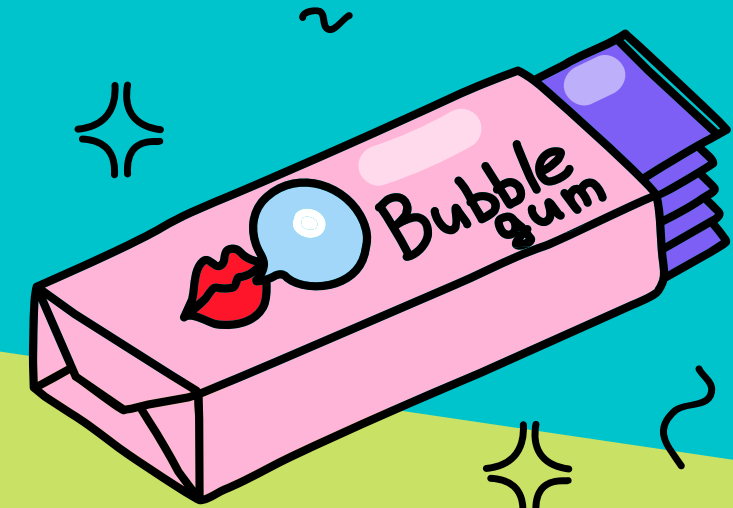


examples of de-escalation through distraction

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- COMPLIMENTS
- DANCING AND SINGING
- PRETEND YOU LOST SOMETHING
- OFFERING OR ASKING FOR GUM
- ASKING FOR THE TIME



- ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS
- FAKING A MEDICAL INCIDENT (TEMPORARILY!)
- ASKING "DO I KNOW YOU?"



AND/OR

WHY THIS WORKS:

YOU CAN CREATE A MOMENT OF PAUSE, GIVING EVERYONE'S SYSTEMS A BREAK BEFORE FURTHER ESCALATION

YOU CAN DRAW THE ATTENTION AND ENERGY AWAY FROM THE PERSON BEING TARGETED