

### Non Suicidal Self Injury (NSSI)

Hair pulling

Scratching

Bruising

Cutting

Burning

Binging

Purging

Excessive use of alcohol/drugs

### Function of NSSI

|                  |                                                                              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Relaxation       | Enjoying pain<br>diminishing tension                                         |
| Attention        | Communicating to self<br>Communicating to others                             |
| Stimulation      | Feeling one's body,<br>identity<br>Feeling alive<br>Escape from dissociation |
| Punishment       | Danger of being angry<br>Relieve guilt feelings                              |
| Self-Destruction | To be unattractive                                                           |

### Treatment

Develop therapeutic relationship with client

Treat underlying psychiatric disorder if present

Enable clients to resolve difficulties

Enable client to deal with future crises

Help client with problem-solving

Encourage other methods



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