

Tactile Cheat Sheet



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Tactile Avoiding Behaviors

- * Avoids Certain Textures or Clothing
- * Avoids or dislikes messy play
- *Distressed by certain clothing such as tight pants, seams in socks, and new textures
- *Extremely ticklish
- *Dislikes geting face/hands washed
- *Avoids hugs or physical contact
- *Fearful of large crowds
- *Anxious or overexcited over light touch
- *Dilikes hair brushing, washing, or drying
- *Picky eater
- *May only walk on toes
- *May refuse to walk barefoot

Tactile Seeking Behaviors

- * Prefers Tight Clothing
- * Always seems dirty/ messy
- * Not aware of being touched by others
- * Hight pain tolerance
- * Low impulse control- seems to touch everything
- *Craves vibrations
- * Hurtful to other children: hitting, pushing, pinching
- *Constantly touching things around them
- *Dilikes hair brushing, washing, or drying
- *May crave certain strong flavors such as sweet, salty, etc
- * Constantly mouths objects

Tactile Activities

- * Sensory Bins filled with rice, flour, beans, etc.
- * Sensory Doughs such as playdough, cloud dough, moon sand, etc

- * Tight Squeezes: Deep Pressure massage, hand squeezes, etc
- * Squish Boxes: Surrounded by pillows
- * Weighted Activities: vests, blankets, etc

- *Finger Painting
- *All information is merely a suggestion and should be used as a resource. Please consult with a certified OT before starting any sensory diet.