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- Feel things on their skin that are not there
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- Think their things have been stolen
- Think their food is poisoned
- Think family are doing things wrong way



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- Pain
- Sick or infection
- Alcohol or other drugs
- Problem with seeing or hearing
- Toilet problems

What could help?

- Keep respect
- Know their story
- Go to clinic for check up, including sight and hearing
- Help them feel safe
- Don't argue with them
- Help them do things they like and know well
- Keep to a routine
- Go back to Country
- Yarning with family and community
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