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Uses

This medication (<https://www.webmd.com/drugs/index-drugs.aspx>) is used to treat anxiety (<https://www.webmd.com/anxiety-panic/default.htm>). Lorazepam (<https://www.webmd.com/drugs/mono-5244-LORAZEPAM+-+ORAL.aspx?drugid=8892&drugname=lorazepam+oral>) belongs to a class of drugs known as benzodiazepines (<https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/addiction/benzodiazepine-abuse>) which act on the brain (<https://www.webmd.com/brain/picture-of-the-brain>) and nerves (central nervous system (<https://www.webmd.com/brain/central-nervous-system>)) to produce a calming effect. This drug works by enhancing the effects of a certain natural chemical in the body (GABA).

How to use Lorazepam

Read the Medication (<https://www.webmd.com/drugs/index-drugs.aspx>) Guide provided by your pharmacist (<https://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/features/pharmacists-they-do-more-than-fill-prescriptions>) before you start taking lorazepam (<https://www.webmd.com/drugs/mono-5244-LORAZEPAM+-+ORAL.aspx?drugid=8892&drugname=lorazepam+oral>) and each time you get a refill. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Take this medication by mouth (<https://www.webmd.com/oral-health/anatomy-of-the-mouth>) with or without food as directed by your doctor. The dosage is based on your medical condition, age, and response to treatment.

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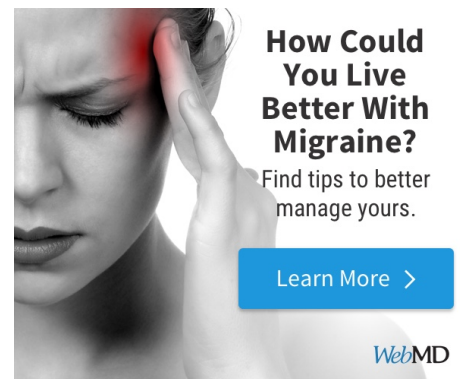
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If directed by your doctor, use this medication regularly in order to get the most benefit from it. To help you remember, use it at the same time(s) each day.

This medication may cause withdrawal reactions, especially if it has been used regularly for a long time or in high doses (more than 1-4 weeks) or if you have a history of alcoholism (<https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/addiction/understanding-alcohol-abuse-basics>), drug abuse (<https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/addiction/default.htm>), or personality disorder. Withdrawal symptoms (such as seizures (<https://www.webmd.com/epilepsy/understanding-seizures-basics>), trouble sleeping (<https://www.webmd.com/sleep-disorders/default.htm>), mental/mood changes, nausea (<https://www.webmd.com/digestive-disorders/digestive-diseases-nausea-vomiting>), vomiting (<https://www.webmd.com/digestive-disorders/digestive-diseases-nausea-vomiting>), diarrhea (<https://www.webmd.com/digestive-disorders/digestive-diseases-diarrhea>), loss of appetite, stomach pain (<https://www.webmd.com/pain-management/guide/abdominal-pain-causes-treatments>), hallucinations (<https://www.webmd.com/brain/what-are-hallucinations>), numbness/tingling of arms and legs, muscle pain (<https://www.webmd.com/pain-management/guide/myofascial-pain-syndrome>), fast heartbeat, short-term memory loss (<https://www.webmd.com/brain/memory-loss>), very high fever (<https://www.webmd.com/first-aid/fevers-causes-symptoms-treatments>), and increased reactions to noise/touch/light) may occur if you suddenly stop using this medication. To prevent withdrawal reactions, your doctor may reduce your dose gradually. Report any withdrawal reactions right away.

Though it helps many people, this medication may sometimes cause addiction (<https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/addiction/default.htm>). This risk may be higher if you have a substance use disorder (such as overuse of or addiction to drugs/alcohol). Take this medication exactly as prescribed to lower the risk of addiction. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for more details.

Do (<https://www.webmd.com/pain-management/features/osteopathic-doctor>) not suddenly stop using this drug without consulting your doctor. Some conditions may become worse when this drug is abruptly stopped. Your dose may need to be gradually decreased.

When this medication is used for a long time, it may not work as well. Talk with your doctor if this medication stops working well.

Tell your doctor if your condition persists or worsens.

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