

Chewing, breathing, clicking – when does it end?

Loud holiday gatherings can trigger misophonia, a sensitivity to certain noises

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Actress January Jones recently took to Instagram to talk about her struggles with misophonia (mee-soh-PHONE-ee-ah), or irritation to everyday noises like chewing or pen clicking.

Severe misophonia isn't common. But, it's still worth knowing about, especially with loud holiday gatherings coming up.

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Treatments for misophonia include meditation or seeing a therapist for cognitive behavioral therapy. That involves learning to be self-aware.

For those holiday parties, know your limits.

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"Make sure you're separating yourself [from the other partygoers] if that's what you need to do. As a host, you can play background music or have a TV going for background noise. That can help muffle those other sounds that might be irritating." (:19)

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Misophonia could lead to increased blood pressure, heart rate and anxiety, which could turn serious.