RITUAL IDENTIFICATION CHART

D irections: Identify the rituals you perform to undo or prevent harm, mistakes, deprivation, or other problems. Calculate the amount of time you spend performing these rituals. Make sure you have examined all of your repetitious habits to determine if they are compulsions.

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Repeated Habits and Actions	Performance/Time
Examples:	
• Repeating what I am doing to "undo" a bad thought	30 minutes/day
• Counting the number of times I am repeating to make sure is not three	
times or a multiple of three	60 minutes/day
Washing my hands	40 times/day
 Calling my husband to make sure he hasn't been hurt 	50 minutes/day
 Counting rolls of toilet paper, canned goods, etc. 	20 minutes/day
Buying things from garage sales	10 hours/week
Putting two periods after every sentence I write	10 minutes/day
My Rituals:	

Chart adapted from information in Stop Obsessing! by Edna Foa and Reid Wilson (Bantam Books, 1991), p.62.