

Psychopath Criteria

PSYCHOPATH CRITERIA

DSM-5 does not include a specific diagnosis for psychopathy. Instead, the concept of psychopathy is often considered in relation to antisocial personality disorder (ASPD) and certain traits of conduct disorder in children and adolescents.

CONDUCT DISORDER DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

A. A repetitive and persistent pattern of behavior in which the basic rights of others or major age-appropriate societal norms or rules are violated, as manifested by the presence of at least three of the following criteria in the past 12 months, with at least one criterion present in the past 6 months:

Aggression to People and Animals

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- ☐ Often bullies, threatens, or intimidates others
- ☐ Often initiates physical fights
- ☐ Has used a weapon that can cause serious physical harm to others
- ☐ Has been physically cruel to people
- ☐ Has been physically cruel to animals
- ☐ Has stolen while confronting a victim
- ☐ Has forced someone into sexual activity

Destruction of Property

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- ☐ Has deliberately engaged in fire setting with the intention of causing serious damage
- ☐ Has deliberately destroyed others' property

Deceitfulness or Theft

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- ☐ Has broken into someone else's house, building, or car
- ☐ Often lies to obtain goods or favors or to avoid obligations
- ☐ Has stolen items of nontrivial value without confronting a victim

Serious Violations of Rules

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- ☐ Often stays out at night despite parental prohibitions, beginning before age 13 years
- ☐ Has run away from home overnight at least twice while living in the parental or parental surrogate home
- ☐ Is often truant from school, beginning before age 13 years

B. The disturbance in behavior causes clinically significant impairment in social, academic, or occupational functioning.

C. If the individual is age 18 years or older, criteria are not met for Antisocial Personality Disorder.

SPECIFIERS

Onset

- ☐ Childhood-onset type ☐ Adolescent-onset type ☐ Unspecified onset

Severity

- ☐ Mild ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe

With limited prosocial emotions: To qualify for this specifier, an individual must have displayed at least 2 of the following characteristics persistently over at least 12 months and in multiple relationships and settings.

With limited prosocial emotions characteristics

- ☐ Lack of remorse or guilt
- ☐ Callous—lack of empathy
- ☐ Unconcerned about performance
- ☐ Shallow or deficient affect

ANTISOCIAL PERSONALITY DISORDER DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA

A. A pervasive pattern of disregard for and violation of the rights of others, occurring since age 15 years, as indicated by 3 (or more) of the following:

Antisocial Personality Disorder Criteria A

- ☐ Failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors
- ☐ Deceitfulness
- ☐ Impulsivity or failure to plan ahead
- ☐ Irritability and aggressiveness
- ☐ Reckless disregard for the safety of self or others
- ☐ Consistent irresponsibility
- ☐ Lack of remorse

B. The individual is at least age 18 years.

C. There is evidence of conduct disorder with onset before age 15 years.

D. The occurrence of antisocial behavior is not exclusively during the course of schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

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This handout is not a tool for self-diagnosis. If you suspect you or someone you know may have a psychopathological disorder, please contact a qualified mental health professional for a proper diagnosis and treatment plan.