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10 Signs that you're dating a sociopath

If your new romantic interest exhibits all or most of the following behaviors, be careful. He or she might be a sociopath.

- 1. Charisma and charm.** They're smooth talkers, always have an answer, never miss a beat. They seem to be very exciting.
- 2. Enormous ego.** They act like the smartest, richest or most successful people around. They may actually come out and tell you that.
- 3. Overly attentive.** They call, text and e-mail constantly. They want to be with you every moment. They resent time you spend with your family and friends.
- 4. Jekyll and Hyde personality.** One minute they love you; the next minute they hate you. Their personality changes like flipping a switch.
- 5. Blame others.** Nothing is ever their fault. They always have an excuse. Someone else causes their problems.
- 6. Lies and gaps in the story.** You ask questions, and the answers are vague. They tell stupid lies. They tell outrageous lies. They lie when they'd make out better telling the truth.
- 7. Intense eye contact.** Call it the predatory stare. If you get a chill down your spine when they look at you, pay attention.
- 8. Move fast.** They quickly proclaim that you're their true love and soul mate. They want to move in together or get married quickly.
- 9. Pity play.** They appeal to your sympathy. They want you to feel sorry for their abusive childhood, psychotic ex, incurable disease or financial setbacks.
- 10. Sexual magnetism.** If you feel intense attraction, if your physical relationship is unbelievable, it may be their excess testosterone.

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