

## Antisocial Personality Disorder

*Friends and family have recently noticed radical changes in Jamie's behavior. He verbally harasses his parents and his ex-wife by leaving nasty, threatening voicemails. He has been in and out of jail for the past two years for incidents related to drug dealing, neighborhood vandalism, and not paying child support. Jamie has never once apologized to anyone for his actions and feels neither guilty nor remorseful.*

Someone with **antisocial personality disorder** may have an experience like the one above.

According to The Mayo Clinic, "people with antisocial personality disorder typically have no regard for right and wrong and often disregard the rights, wishes and feelings of others. Those with antisocial personality disorder tend to antagonize, manipulate or treat others either harshly or with callous indifference. They may often violate the law, landing in frequent trouble, yet they show no guilt or remorse. They may lie, behave violently or impulsively, and have problems with drug and alcohol use."<sup>1</sup>

According to the Mayo Clinic, **signs and symptoms** of antisocial personality disorder can include:

- No sense of right and wrong
- Frequent lying
- Using charm or wit to manipulate others for personal gain or for personal pleasure
- Extremely egotistical
- Getting into trouble with the law often
- Violating others' rights via intimidation, dishonesty and misrepresentation
- Child abuse or neglect
- Hostility, irritability, agitation, impulsiveness, aggression, violence
- Lack of empathy for others and lack of remorse about hurting others
- Unnecessary risk-taking or dangerous behaviors
- Poor or abusive relationships
- Irresponsible work behavior
- Failure to learn from and not caring about the negative consequences of behavior<sup>2</sup>

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