

# TELLTALE SIGNS

**D**onna Andersen, who has experienced a psychopathic relationship, runs a website for victims called Lovefraud, which gets over 50,000 unique visitors a month.



She's compiled a list of telltale signs for spotting a psycho, based on research involving 1,300 victims. She says, 'Psychopaths are everywhere. People don't understand the signs. Women think 'my hubby didn't kill anyone, so he can't be a psychopath'. But he can be.

'A psychopath can be someone charming, sexy and dishonest who pushes

the relationship along quickly.

'If he rings seven times a day but says, "I just want to hear your voice," he wants to control you.

'But love affects chemicals in the brain. Endorphins produce excitement and dopamine is related to addiction. So, the victim bonds - but the psychopath doesn't. He purposefully pulls away, creating fear and anxiety.

'Then, scared they'll lose the relationship, women become addicted to them.

'Psychopaths also shower their victims with affection, flattery and attention - 'love-bombing' them. It's more powerful than brainwashing.'

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