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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. Sudden soul mates.** They figure out what you want, make themselves into that person, then tell you that your relationship was "meant to be."
- 3. Sexual magnetism.** If you feel intense attraction, if your physical relationship is unbelievable, it may be their excess testosterone.
- 4. Love bombing.** You're showered with attention and adoration. They want to be with you all the time. They call, text and e-mail constantly.
- 5. Blames others for everything.** 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. Moves fast to hook up.** It's a whirlwind romance. They quickly proclaim their true love. 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. Jekyll and Hyde personality.** One minute they love you; the next minute they hate you. Their personality changes like flipping a switch.

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