

Potential Indicators for Someone on a Pathway to Violence

Persons who are on a pathway to violence often exhibit indicators, or warning signs which people do not typically associate with a violent person. Some warning signs are more indicative than others, and groups of behaviors are equally indicative of a pathway to violence. Below are potential indicators for a person on a pathway to violence. **CAUTION: Just because someone may exhibit one or a number of these indicators does not mean they are on a pathway to violence.** It may be indicative of other problems which need to be addressed, but in all cases if their behavior concerns you contact the Behavioral Intervention Team.

Violent writings, drawings, magazines, movies, websites, chat rooms, role playing, etc.	Anger Management Problems
Preoccupation with weapons	Violent activities (fighting, games, etc.)
Loner	Suicidal/homicidal thoughts
Stalking or pre-occupation with someone	Disciplinary problems or lack of rule compliance
Interest in, or carrying out violent acts or incidents	Poor self-concept
Strange behavior	Paranoia
Acting out	Repetitive police or other authority contact
Mental health history related to violence	Inability to experience joy or pleasure
Abuse of alcohol or drugs	Signs of Depression
Failed or non-existent love relationship	Lack of empathy
Alienation	Narcissism (self-centered, blames others)
Sense of entitlement or superiority	Closed social group
Rigid and opinionated	Externalizes Blame