

Common Characteristics of a Batterer

1. Was abused as a child or saw father abuse his mother.
2. Has a low opinion of women.
3. Has love/hate relationship with his mother.
4. Is jealous and possessive.
5. Drinks or uses drugs excessively at times.
6. Is demanding of mate's time and attention.
7. Is "macho" acting.
8. Is critical and difficult to please.
9. Treats mate like a possession.
10. Has quick, explosive temper.
11. Is overly suspicious and accusing.
12. Blames others.
13. Is unreasonable and inflexible at times.
14. Is easily annoyed or threatened.
15. Encourages mate's dependence.
16. Is preoccupied with violence, guns, knives, etc.
17. Is boastful and arrogant.
18. Feels no one understands him.
19. Is impulsive.
20. Uses aggressive sex to demonstrate superiority and control.
21. Is loving and kind at times.
22. Is remorseful after violence.
23. Is a good provider.
24. Is a "YES" guy outside the home and on the job, is socially charming.