

Communication:

- Anxiety may interfere with ability to communicate clearly.
- Might not be able to respond to questions or commands (even if the person seems to have good expressive language).
- Could have difficulty explaining his/her mood and reading other people's moods;
- Might not show emotion.
- May laugh inappropriately due to fear or anxiety.

Behaviour:

- Might display extreme distress for no apparent reason.
- Might react to loud noises and flashing lights.
- Might not respond to people's presence.
- Might not make eye contact.
- Might have no fear or concept of danger.
- Could be insensitive to pain or hypersensitive to touch.
- Could display self-stimming behavior.
- Might like to grab or touch others.

Criminal Justice Situations:

- Might not understand his/her rights or warnings.
- New situations could make him/her more anxious.
- May not understand the consequences of his/her behavior.
- Could produce a false confession or misleading statement.