

**BRIEF PSYCHIATRIC SCREEN- ADOLESCENT**®

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NAME: ..... DATE: ..... AGE: .....  
GUARDIAN'S NAME: ..... CURRENT GRADE: .....  
FAILED ANY GRADES? ..... ANY SIBLINGS? .....  
WITH WHOM DO YOU LIVE?: ..... WORKING?: .....  
# JOBS IN LAST 2 YEARS: ..... LONGEST TIME ANY JOB WAS HELD: .....  
CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES: .....

**REASONS FOR NOW COMING TO THE DOCTOR**

- 1.) What ONE problem are **you** MOST worried about today (that brings you here)?  
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- 2.) What ONE problem are **other people** MOST worried about today (that brings you here)?  
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- 3.) WHOSE idea was it to come in to see a psychiatrist?  
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- 4.) When did you FIRST become concerned about this?  
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- 5.) How do you feel we could be most helpful TODAY for **your** needs?  
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**PAST MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE**

- YES NO 1.) Have you ever been treated for psychiatric, mental, or emotional problems before?
- YES NO 2.) Have you ever been treated for alcohol or drug problems (including AA and NA)?
- 3.) If yes to either question, please fill in the **below**.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Inpat./Outpat.</u>	<u>Hospital/Location</u>	<u>Diagnoses</u>
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Estimated lifetime number of psychiatric hospitalizations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Longest hospitalization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated time in outpatient psychiatric/mental health care (in months or years): \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST MEDICAL EXPERIENCE**

- YES NO 1.) Are you currently being treated for any medical problems?  
 YES NO 2.) Are you aware of any medical problems that you should be treated for?  
 YES NO 3.) Have you had significant medical illness/surgery in the past?  
 4.) If yes to either question, please fill in the **below**.

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**CURRENT MEDICATIONS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>How Many Times a Day?</u>	<u>How Long Taking It?</u>
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**PAST PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATIONS**

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**PERSONAL TRAUMA HISTORY**

YES NO Have you ever been the victim of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse?

If yes, please BRIEFLY describe with approximate dates/ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY PSYCHIATRIC HISTORY**

YES NO Has anyone in your family (direct relatives) received mental health services (hospitalization, outpatient counseling or psychiatric visits, substance abuse treatment), had a “nervous breakdown,” or attempted/committed suicide?

<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Probable Diagnosis</u>	<u>Medication(s) Used</u>
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**PERSONAL HABITS**

1.) Do you take any herbal preparations or special vitamins/nutritional supplements? If yes, describe:

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2.) Number of caffeinated drinks per day: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) **Do** you (or **did** you) smoke? If yes, estimated packs-per-day: \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_

4.) **Do** you (or **did** you) drink alcoholic beverages? If yes, estimated amount of drinks per week: \_\_\_\_\_

5.) Use of illegal drugs? Please list:

<u>Type/Name:</u>	<u>Amount or \$ per week:</u>	<u>When began:</u>	<u>Last Use:</u>
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**PERSONAL SYMPTOM HISTORY**

**SECTION ONE**

Think back to the past week (7 days)

YES NO For the last 7 days have you felt unusually good, confident, energetic, “hyper,” or “on top of the world”?

YES NO During the last week have you felt more easily angered, more short-tempered, more irritable than usual, perhaps arguing more or getting involved in fights or shouting more?

YES NO During the last week have you needed less sleep than normal, perhaps feeling rested and energetic with only 2 or 3 hours of sleep a night?

YES NO During the last week have you been talking more than normal, talking faster than usual, having others complain that they can’t get a word in edgewise or can’t understand you very well?

- YES NO During the last week have your thoughts been racing or jumping from one idea or topic to another faster than you could keep track of?
- YES NO During the last week has it been difficult for you to focus on one thing at a time, so much so that little things seem to distract you?
- YES NO During the last week has your activity level increased, so that you are more busy than usual, working harder, making new plans, socializing or playing more, or having more sexual activity or thoughts than usual?
- YES NO During the last week have you been more impulsive than usual, doing things that are uncharacteristic of you or that are more risky than usual, such as driving too fast or recklessly, using insulting or dirty language, shoplifting, spending too much money, fighting, or acting in illegal or immoral ways, etc.?

**Overall**, how troubling have the **above** symptoms been? (0= not at all, 5 = notable, 10 = completely disabling):

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**SECTION TWO** Think back to the past **2 weeks** (14 days)

- YES NO For the last 14 days, for most of the time have you been feeling more tearful, sad, down, blue, weepy, depressed or moody than usual?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you felt more easily angered, more short-tempered, more irritable than usual, perhaps arguing more or shouting more, even fighting?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you lost your usual interest in activities you typically enjoy, such as hobbies, schoolwork, TV, reading, sports, socializing with friends?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you had a change in your appetite? Have you **lost** or **gained** weight without dieting?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you had trouble **falling asleep**, or **staying asleep**, or **sleeping restlessly**, or **not getting enough sleep**, or even **sleeping too much**?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you lost energy, been more fatigued or tired than usual?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have your thoughts been sped up or jumbled, have you been restless, fidgety, unable to sit still? **Or** have you been thinking, moving and talking more slowly than usual?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you been feeling worthless or excessively guilty, more down on yourself or thinking negative thoughts about yourself?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you had trouble thinking, concentrating, paying attention in class, or even trouble making decisions more so than usual?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you had difficulty motivating yourself to go to school or participate in after school activities or take care of your basic needs or family obligations?
- YES NO During the last two weeks have you had thoughts of death, that life's not worth living, that you'd be better off dead, or even of ending your own life?
- YES NO Have you make plans to end your own life, or even acted on those plans in a suicide attempt?

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**SECTION THREE**

**NOTE:** If ***EITHER Section One or Section Two*** applied to you, please answer the following 5 questions; if ***NEITHER Section One nor Section Two*** applied, skip to **SECTION FOUR** below.

During that period of time described above in Sections One and Two, did any of the following occur:

- YES NO Heard people talking or calling your name when nobody was around, or heard noises that others didn't hear?
- YES NO Seen things that others couldn't see?
- YES NO Felt very suspicious, like others were following you, watching or spying on you, plotting against you, or trying to poison you?
- YES NO Thought that you had unusual powers or abilities, knowledge, talents or importance?
- YES NO Thought that the TV, newspapers or radio was sending messages to you that only you could understand?

Overall, how troubling have the **above** symptoms been? (0= not at all, 5 = notable, 10 = completely disabling)

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For the next 2 questions, think back over your entire life:

- YES NO HAS THERE BEEN ANY TIME IN THE **PAST** WHEN MANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS FROM SECTIONS ONE, TWO AND THREE OCCURRED FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS OR MORE?
- YES NO HAVE YOU EVER IN THE PAST BEGUN TO MAKE PLANS TO END YOUR OWN LIFE, OR EVEN ACTED ON THOSE PLANS IN A SUICIDE ATTEMPT?  
If YES, when and how: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION FOUR** Now, think back to the **last month (30 days)**:

- YES NO Have you heard voices off and on that others did not hear?  
What do they say? \_\_\_\_\_
- YES NO Have you felt very suspicious or paranoid, afraid that you were under surveillance, being followed, being poisoned, or that people were conspiring against you?
- YES NO Have you thought your boyfriend or girlfriend is cheating on you?  
What evidence do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- YES NO Have you felt you had done some terrible thing, so that it constantly bothers your conscience and you feel that you need to be punished for it? What was it? \_\_\_\_\_
- YES NO Have you noticed your thoughts were mixed up, scrambled, disorganized, or that they would suddenly cut off in mid-stream?
- YES NO Have you sensed your thoughts were being taken away or put into your head by an outside person or group?

- YES NO Have you had very strongly held ideas and beliefs that seemed so unusual or odd to other people that you hardly ever mention it anymore? (As examples, firm beliefs like you are secretly married to an important person, that you are a powerful religious figure, that some people in the government are actually robots?)
- YES NO Have you felt that something very awful or disgusting was wrong with your body or your appearance, even though other people don't notice it?
- What is it? \_\_\_\_\_
- YES NO Have you had times where you walked into a room and thought people were talking about you or laughing at you? Have you seen things in newspaper or on TV that have special messages or meaning only for you?
- YES NO Have people thought you were acting odd, where you froze up and didn't move or speak for hours, kind of like a statue?
- YES NO Have you or other people noticed that it was difficult for you to start anything or get motivated to begin anything, so that you would sit and stare for long periods of time, not talking, not showing any emotion or facial expression?
- YES NO Since these symptoms began, have you had more and more trouble doing the normal things in life, such as working, socializing, or taking care of your family or yourself?

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- YES NO HAVE THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS AND PROBLEMS GONE ON CONTINUOUSLY FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE SINCE THEY BEGAN?
- YES NO HAVE THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS AND PROBLEMS EVER OCCURRED IN THE PAST, BUT WENT AWAY? OR HAVE THEY BEEN ALWAYS PRESENT, BUT TEND TO COME AND GO?

**SECTION FIVE** Think back to the **last month** (30 days):

- YES NO During the last month have you had the experience where suddenly for no reason you felt very anxious and scared, afraid of going crazy, dying, or losing control?
- YES NO If yes to the above, did the attack reach a peak in about 5 to 10 minutes and last less than 30 minutes overall?

<b>During these anxiety attacks did you have any of the following symptoms:</b>	
-- Shortness of breath or smothering	-- Things around you seem unreal
-- Dizziness, unsteadiness, feeling faint	-- Tingling or numbness
-- Heart races, skips a beat, or pounds	-- Hot flashes or chills
-- Trembling and shaking	-- Chest pain or discomfort
-- Sweating	-- Feeling detached from your body or surroundings
-- Choking sensation	-- Afraid you might die
-- Nausea, feel like throwing up	-- Afraid you might go crazy or lose control

- YES NO During the last month, have you had four or more of these anxiety attacks?
- YES NO Have you spent a lot of time worrying about having another attack or even changed your daily habits to avoid setting off another attack?

**YES NO** Does it bother you to go outside your house or very familiar surroundings, or to be in crowded places like supermarkets and malls because of a fear that safety would not be close by, that something embarrassing or dangerous might happen and you might need help from strangers?

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**YES NO** Are you bothered by thoughts, ideas, or images that come to mind that are unwanted and intrusive and don't seem rational, such as constantly being preoccupied and worried about dirt, germs, cleanliness, violence, orderliness, symmetry, sexual issues, etc. ?

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**YES NO** Do you do things in a ritualized way or have certain mental rituals or routines that you feel you must do over and over because in order to avoid bad consequences or even disaster, such as counting, repetitive hand washing, repeating certain phrases, etc. ?

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**YES NO** Have you ever had a terrible event happened to you, during which you were afraid that you or others would die or be seriously injured or mutilated, and where you felt helpless and horrified?  
Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**YES NO** Do you relive this terrible experience by unwanted nightmares, flashbacks, intense panic when in situations that remind you of the event, even thinking at times you are actually re-experiencing the event, kind of like watching a movie?

**YES NO** Because of your trauma experience, do you find yourself always keyed up and on edge, detached from others emotionally, avoiding anything that reminds you of the traumatic experience?

**YES NO** Have all these above trauma-related troubles lasted less than one month?

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Now, think back to the last **6 months**:

YES NO During the last six months or more, have you constantly felt nervous or anxious, worrying a lot about many things that might happen, to the point that people consider you a “worry-wart?”

**During the last six months or more, have you experienced any of the following symptoms when you were worrying?**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscles feel tense, sore and achy        | <input type="checkbox"/> Feel dizzy and lightheaded                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel restless, pacing, can't sit still   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tingling or numbness                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart races, skips a beat, or pounds     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hot flashes, flushing or chills                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trembling, twitching and shaking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain or discomfort                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweat a lot, have cold clammy skin       | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling detached from your body or surroundings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short of breath, can't catch breath      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden noises startle you                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble swallowing, lump in throat       | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent urination                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel wired, keyed-up, on edge            | <input type="checkbox"/> Feel especially impatient and irritable         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble concentrating or mind goes blank | <input type="checkbox"/> Trouble falling asleep or staying asleep        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea, stomach pain, diarrhea           | <input type="checkbox"/> Afraid you might go crazy or lose control       |

Overall, how troubling have the **above** symptoms been? (0= not at all, 5 = notable, 10 = completely disabling):

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YES NO Do you avoid being in crowds or social situations when you think others are observing, judging, or scrutinizing you?

YES NO Do you avoid these types of situations because they tend to cause extreme distress or even panic attacks?

Overall, how troubling have the **above** symptoms been? (0= not at all, 5 = notable, 10 = completely disabling):

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## SECTION SIX

YES NO Do you find yourself struggling to keep your weight down, even below what others consider “normal” weight for you?

YES NO Are you very afraid of becoming fat even though your parents or your doctor says that you are actually underweight?

YES NO Do you see your weight and body shape as having problems, that there are still areas that feel too fat or not quite toned enough?

YES NO Do you not eat certain foods (particularly fatty foods) or even most food, go on strict diets or even fast for long periods, or exercise a lot to reduce your weight?

YES NO Do you feel a need to hide how much you diet or exercise from others?

YES NO Do you sometimes make yourself throw up or use laxatives, enemas or water-loss pills to remove excess weight?

YES NO (For girls) Has there been any irregularities in your monthly cycle, or has it stopped completely?

YES NO Do you binge eat frequently, and feel a loss of control over how much you eat at times?

YES NO Has the binge eating been going on a few times a week, for at least 3 months?

How much do you think you weigh now? ..... How much would you like to weigh? .....

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**SECTION SEVEN**

- YES NO** Have you recently had a few instances of being unable to resist your angry or aggressive urges, so that you ended up getting into fights, hurting others, or breaking things?
- YES NO** Looking back, does it seem to you (or even others) that your behavior was a bit out of proportion to whatever it was that set you off?
- YES NO** Have you had trouble resisting urges to steal things, not for any real reason or personal use?
- YES NO** Do you have a sense of building tension right before you steal something, and then feel pleasure/relief/or gratification after the theft?
- YES NO** Does the stealing seem senseless to you, that you are not doing it out of vengeance or anger or need for money?
- YES NO** Have you had a strong interest, curiosity or fascination with fire and burning things?
- YES NO** Have you purposely set fire to things before, that you knew you shouldn't have?
- YES NO** Do you feel a sense of tension or emotional charge right before setting a fire, and then a release and sense of pleasure when lighting the fire, watching it burn, or participating afterwards?

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- YES NO** Have any of the above Sections of symptoms occurred **previously** in your life, but **now** are no longer a problem?  
 If yes, please note which Section applied to you: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP! PLEASE GIVE THIS TO YOUR DOCTOR.