

When interacting with autistic individual

Behaviors

People on the Autism Spectrum may:

- be nonverbal or have limited speech
- repeat words or phrases (from videos or TV commercials)
- have difficulty expressing needs
- have a tantrum
- exhibit inappropriate laughing
- appear insensitive to pain or fear
- be sensitive to touch, sound or bright lights
- not be able to maintain eye contact
- lack ability to respond to questions
- exhibit repetitive movements of hands, arms etc.
- have an unusual pitch of voice or sound
- irregular speech pattern
- be anxious in unfamiliar situations
- not understand verbal cues (may appear deaf)
- dart away from you unexpectedly
- become combative or aggressive

For Law Enforcement & Emergency Personnel: This individual may not understand the law, know right from wrong, or know the consequences of his actions.