

Attention Card and Autism Code Keyring

They will have some of the following issues and may ...

Not respond to your commands or questions.

Not be able to follow instructions.

Repeat your words or phrases, copy your body language and have emotional reactions.

Have difficulty expressing needs.

Display tantrums or extreme distress for no apparent reason.

Laugh, giggle or ignore your presence.

Display a lack of eye contact.

Have no fear of real danger.

Appear insensitive to pain – but may be in a great deal of pain and be unable to tell you.

Exhibit self-stimulating behaviour, hand flapping, body rocking or attachment to objects.

Be easily influenced and very vulnerable. They are often the unwitting accomplice in a crime without realising what they are doing.

Not understand rights or warnings.

Become anxious in unfamiliar situations.



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Not understand the consequences of their actions.

Produce false confession or misleading statement.

Not pick up verbal cues and hints, won't understand facial expression, body language or make eye contact.

Not have insight into the unwritten rules of human relationships. May lack empathy with other people and appear rude, selfish or tactless. Lack understanding of how people affect and influence each other.

Not cope with unplanned change, they find this very stressful and their behaviour will deteriorate rapidly if they are anxious. When they are in a fugue state, commonly called a meltdown which would appear to the uninitiated as a tantrum, they will not remember anything that happens during this time. There is no point trying to communicate with them during this stage, you will have to wait for them to de-stress and become calm.

May suffer from over or underdeveloped senses. They will react to sirens, flashing lights, smells and touch.

Have difficulty predicting the consequences of their actions and putting things into context.

