

15 Potentially Dangerous Signs of an Immature Man

Print this page so you can write down your answers to each of the fifteen questions.

Your answer should reflect patterns of behavior. Everyone can occasionally behave immaturely for a variety of reasons. For example, lack of sleep, emotional triggers from past trauma, or a momentary feeling of emotional neediness.

Patterns of behavior reflect character and values, and this is what will determine the level of maturity of your man.

The more patterns of immature attitudes and behavior you identify, the greater the likelihood that you were married to or are living with a man-child.

If you identify strong patterns of immature behavior, sharing this with your male partner may inspire him to try to do better and to grow up. If that is not possible, and you choose to remain with him, which may make sense given additional considerations such as having children with him, you need to adjust your expectations and put in place boundaries so you will be protected.

Expectations: For example, your man-child may shine during a crisis, but in ordinary day-to-day life, it is his selfishness that will define his presence. Accept this as a natural consequence of your choice to live with a man-child or another example, when you want him to do something for you, include in it a potential benefit for him.

Boundaries: For example, if your man-child recklessly spends money, and it is possible for you to get control over the family finances, he can be given a budget that he must accept as his spending limitation, or another example, if he is unwilling to help around the house cooperatively, then doing his laundry and other services should perhaps be curtailed so he is encouraged to take more responsibility for himself and be more willing to cooperate and help you.

The following are the fifteen potentially dangerous signs of an immature man:

1. Has a pattern of behavior that puts himself first?

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2. Does not support others when they need support?

3. Cannot compromise?

4. Thinks he is always, right?

5. Insensitive to the feelings of others?

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6. Gets into arguments and fights often and with many people.

7. Is selfish and perhaps even lies to get what he wants?

8. Indulgent in material pleasures such as food, entertainment, and/or sexual activity when the interest is not mutual?

9. Will not make the effort to understand another person's point of view?

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10. Has a difficult time listening to an opposing opinion?

11. Is often angry when people do not agree?

12. Rejects others who do not give him what he wants?

13. Always considers himself right and never apologizes for making a mistake.

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14. Impulsive and does not consider the needs of others or the impact on others before acting.

15. Self-centered and always focuses on himself?
