



"Vulnerabilities & Difficulties of autistic children" © by Planet Autism

Mate Crime due to lack of awareness of danger/intentions/social cues

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3158777/Shocking-rise-mate-crime-children-autism-Asperger-s-bullied-abused-robbed-called-friends.html>

"Nearly 90% of teens with autism subjected to 'mate crime' says new study

'The overall picture our survey paints is one of heightened vulnerability amongst people with autism and Asperger's syndrome to an insidious, hidden form of crime,' the report stated.

'Often, the person with autism is unaware that what they consider friendship is potentially an abusive relationship. It is the parents and carers who recognise the issue but then struggle to find the right way to provide support to the individual.'

The most vulnerable age group was 16 to 25 in which every respondent said they struggled to distinguish genuine friends from those who may bully or abuse them."

Bullying from peers (in and out of school)

<http://healthland.time.com/2012/09/05/why-autistic-kids-make-easy-targets-for-school-bullies/>

"A new study finds that children with autism spectrum disorders are bullied far more often than their typically developing peers — nearly five times as often — but parents of autistic kids think the rate is even higher than that.

In the study, about 46% of autistic children in middle and high school told their parents they were victimized at school within the previous year, compared with just over 10% of children in the general population. Calling it a "profound public health problem," lead author Paul Sterzing of Washington University in St. Louis told the New York Times that the "rate of bullying and victimization among these adolescents is alarmingly high."

Overreaction to everyday stressors

<http://www.health24.com/Mental-Health/News/Reason-found-for-autistics-overreaction-to-stimuli-20140515>

"Certain areas in the brains of children with autism overreact to sensory stimuli, such as the touch of a scratchy sweater and loud traffic noises, a new small study shows.

The finding helps to explain why autistic kids are five times more likely than other children to be overwhelmed by everyday sensations like the whirl of a fan, hot or cold temperatures, or the tastes and textures of foods."

Emotional fragility to effects of trauma by negative experiences

<http://www.myaspergerschild.com/2014/01/the-emotionally-fragile-child-on-autism.html>

"As some parents may have discovered, many young people with Asperger's (AS) and High Functioning Autism (HFA) are "emotionally fragile" (to coin a term). In other words, these individuals have great difficulty coping with day-to-day stressors, and exhibit unusually withdrawn or aggressive behaviors as a defense mechanism."

Panic causing flight reaction/exposure to danger

<http://www.myaspergerschild.com/2013/03/aspergers-panics-attacks-disguised-as.html>

"In panic attacks that are triggered by a situation from which the Aspergers/HFA child desires to escape, he or she may make frantic efforts to escape, which are often violent – especially if parents attempt to contain the child. Often, the child suffering from panic attacks will experience significant “anticipatory anxiety” in situations where attacks have previously occurred (e.g., a child having a panic attack after the neighbor’s dog jumps up on him, resulting in the child fearing ALL dogs in ALL situations after the initial incident)."

Autistic children vulnerable to predators

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2016/01/16/dear-education-secretary-social-workers-open-letter-state-profession/?cmpid=NLC|SCSC|SCEUP-2016-0118>

"Threats to jail social workers will not save young girls who are targeted by sexual predators due to mental health issues, a lack of adequate parenting and vulnerability."

General dangers to the average child (magnified greatly in autistics)

<http://www.itv.com/news/2016-01-15/warning-after-man-trying-to-lure-14-year-old-girl-into-van-as-she-walked-home-from-school/?ref=yfp>

Man tried to lure 14yo girl into van as she walked home from school.

<http://www.aol.co.uk/news/2016/01/20/man-posing-as-police-officer-attempts-to-abduct-schoolgirls/>

Man posing as police officer attempts to abduct school girls aged 11-14.

There are **thousands** of similar articles on the internet , about paedophiles attempting to (or successfully) lure or abduct children walking, alone or with peers.

Social experiments showing even older children are easily lured

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2410930/Chilling-experiment-shows-children-happy-walk-stranger-park-took-just-90-seconds-persuade-them.html>

"Every single mother was confident that she had educated her child about ‘stranger danger’.

And every single one was confident that her child would refuse to go anywhere with someone they didn’t know.

Yet of the nine children our ‘stranger’ approached aged between five and 11, seven agreed to go with him. Only two — an eight-year-old boy and an eight-year-old girl — were suspicious enough to refuse.

Our stranger managed to lure one child away in just 33 seconds — that’s barely the time it takes to say hello. The longest time it took for him to convince a child to accompany him was three minutes."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-1180621/Man-lures-children-playground-frightening-social-experiment.html>

Man lures kids from playground in frightening social experiment

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3243138/The-video-send-chills-parents-spine-YouTube-actor-lures-three-boys-aged-12-13-14-house-grooming-online-expose-dangers-social-media.html>

YouTube actor lures three boys aged 12, 13 and 14 to a house.