

# DSM 5 Criteria for Conduct Disorder

## Diagnostic Criteria

A. A repetitive and persistent pattern of behavior in which the basic rights of others or major age-appropriate societal norms or rules are violated, as manifested by the presence of at least three of the following criteria in the past 12 months, with at least one criterion present in the past 6 months:

### 1. Aggression to People and Animals

- a. Often bullies, threatens, or intimidates others.
- b. Often initiates physical fights.
- c. Has used a weapon that can cause serious physical harm to others.
- d. Has been physically cruel to people.
- e. Has been physically cruel to animals.
- f. Has stolen while confronting a victim.
- g. Has forced someone into sexual activity.

### 2. Destruction of Property

- a. Has deliberately engaged in fire setting with the intention of causing serious damage.
- b. Has deliberately destroyed others' property.

### 3. Deceitfulness or Theft

- a. Has broken into someone else's house, building, or car.
- b. Often lies to obtain goods or favors or to avoid obligations.
- c. Has stolen items of nontrivial value without confronting a victim.

### 4. Serious Violations of Rules

- a. Often stays out at night despite parental prohibitions, beginning before age 13 years.
- b. Has run away from home overnight at least twice while living in the parental or parental surrogate home.
- c. Is often truant from school, beginning before age 13 years.

B. The disturbance in behavior causes clinically significant impairment in social, academic, or occupational functioning.

C. If the individual is age 18 years or older, criteria are not met for Antisocial Personality Disorder.

## Severity

The severity of conduct disorder can be specified based on the number of conduct problems:

- Mild: Few if any conduct problems in excess of those required to make the diagnosis are present, and conduct problems cause only minor harm to others.
- Moderate: The number of conduct problems and the effect on others are intermediate between "mild" and "severe."
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