

# The Key to avoiding Human Predators

is to know the signs!

**Human predators roam among us. Although small in number, they have a tremendous influence. Every bad relationship, every destructive group, every dangerous government has a human predator at its heart.**

Human predators:

- are mean.
- are charming and good at flattery.
- are cunning and manipulative.
- brag and boast.
- pretend friendship and love.
- make up outrageous lies.
- blame others when challenged.
- are utterly selfish.
- either don't feel anxiety or fear - or are deeply anxious and cowardly.
- are impulsive and easily bored.
- demand thrills and take dangerous risks.
- push others into taking dangerous risks.
- are bullies with explosive tempers.
- enjoy humiliating people.
- weaken people with insults and putdowns.
- hate it when others are praised.
- treat life as a competition and always want to WIN.
- lie easily and think nothing of breaking promises.
- have no conscience and don't feel remorse or guilt.
- boast about hurting others.
- are lazy parasites, contributing as little as possible.
- are control freaks, stopping others from taking control.
- force petty and impossible rules on others.
- boast about tricking others and breaking the law.

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