



Signs & Symptoms of Vicarious Trauma

Please be aware of these signs and symptoms in exposed individuals:

Physical	Intellectual/Cognitive	Emotional	Behavioral	Spiritual
Fatigue	Decision Making Problems	Excessive Emotion	Numbing	Blaming/feeling abandoned by God
Digestive Problems	Loss of Concentration	Mood Swings	Shutting Down	Difficulty praying/obsessing on fate
Headaches	Confusion	Increased Irritability	Risk-taking	Extreme religiosity
Sleeping Difficulties	Forgetfulness	Anger	Drinking	A change in views of God, your life or your world
Eating Habit–Weight	Low Productivity	Sadness	Substance Abuse	
High Blood Pressure	Negative Attitude	Fear and Worry	Driving Fast/Angry	
Loss/Decrease Libido	Loss of sense of humor	Loneliness-Isolation	Extramarital Affairs	
		Crying Spells		

These Signs and Symptoms are **Normal** if they are:

- 1) Occasional (non-persistent)
- 2) Non-intrusive

These Signs and Symptoms are a **Warning** if they are:

- 1) Persistent
- 2) Mildly intrusive

These Signs and Symptoms are **Trouble Indicators** if they are:

- 1) Persistent
- 2) Intrusive

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