## **LIST OF COMMON SYMPTOMS OF PTSD (Including Betrayal Trauma)**

Past	Recent	INTRUSIVE SYMPTOMS	
		Reliving the events surrounding the shock of betrayal, over and over again	
		Uninvited flashbacks, intrusive and distressing memories, & recurrent images	
		Frequent nightmares, frightening dreams	
		Emotional and physical duress when traumatic memories are triggered	
		Haunting grief, shame, or guilt over how you reacted to the trauma	
		Guilt for surviving what others did not	
		Obsessing about the trauma and being plagued by fears of further danger	
		Intrusive, uninvited thoughts that seem to come out of nowhere	

Past	Recent	OBSESSIVE SYMPTOMS –Most relevant to Betrayal / Abandonment Trauma	
		Obsessing over what happened, trying to put the pieces together–esp. if the	
		betrayer's stories didn't add up or seemed incomplete	
		Reviewing past events and conversations, trying to identify Red Flags	
		missed, to avoid being "fooled" again	
		Preoccupied with reading tabloids or stories of others' experiences of partner	
		betrayal	
		Battling self-recrimination over being replaced and rejected by one's partner	

Past	Recent	AROUSAL SYMPTOMS	
		Hypervigilance (feeling on edge, "on guard" even when in safe situations)	
		Easily startled or jumpy	
		Shaky, jittery inside, or trembling hands	
		Difficulty concentrating	
		Outbursts of anger and/or extreme irritability or aggression	
		Sleep disturbances: unable to get to sleep or stay asleep, lack of restorative	
		sleep	
		Intense fear of the event happening again; terrified of repeat traumas	
		(physical, relational, or emotional)	
		Reckless, risky, self-destructive behavior (including misuse of drugs or	
		alcohol, risky sexual encounters, cutting, suicidal thoughts/attempts)	

Past	Recent	NEGATIVE CHANGES IN THOUGHTS OR MOOD	
		Some loss of memory about the event	
		Easily lose track of what you're doing; frequently lose items like keys	
		Feeling hopeless or helpless about the future	
		Decreased interest in enjoyable activities	
		Persistent and exaggerated negative feelings and beliefs about self, others, or	
		the world/life/God	
		Exaggerated tendency to blame oneself or others for the adverse event	
		Distorted, negative beliefs about the cause or impact of the traumatic event(s);	
		ascribing self-deprecating meaning or significance to the trauma	

Past	Recent	AVOIDANCE SYMPTOMS	
		Avoiding people, places, conversations, or situations that remind you of the shocking	
		discoveries or betrayal	
		Going out of your way to not see or hear any reminder of the event(s)	
		Avoiding thinking about the trauma or feelings associated with it	

Past	Recent	DISSOCIATIVE SYMPTOMS	
		Feeling like you are outside your body, watching what is going on	
		Feeling detached or estranged from others	
		Feeling like you are walking around in a daze, or a dream	
		"Spacing out" or "zoning out" while at home, work, or social events	
		Feeling emotionally "numb," things seem surreal; feel as if you are not living	
		in reality	
		Creating a fantasy life, pretending it really didn't happen	

Past	Recent Totals	
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After totaling your checked boxes, choose the **five** most distressing symptoms you experience(d), past or present, and one situation that triggered each of them below:

#	Symptom	Trigger
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If you are suffering from significant symptoms of trauma, take this with you to a trauma-informed therapist.