

Excited Delirium Signs & Symptoms

Session Materials

Signs of Excited Delirium

Excited Delirium presents as a cluster of physiologic and behavioral symptoms which include:

1. Bizarre and violent behavior
2. Hyperactivity
3. Shedding clothes or nudity
4. Aggression
5. Attraction to glass (smashing glass is common)
6. Foaming at the mouth
7. Drooling
8. Sweating
9. Dilated pupils
10. Incoherent shouting or nonsensical speech
11. Grunting or animal-like sounds while struggling with officers
12. Unbelievable strength
13. Imperviousness to pain
14. Ability to offer effective resistance against multiple officers over an extended period of time
15. Hyperthermia (temperatures can spike to between 105-113°F)

Symptoms of Excited Delirium

1. Extreme paranoia
2. Hallucinations
3. Confusion or disorientation

