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## POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER Factsheet

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### How is criminal offending related to PTSD?

Criminal offending covers a wide range of behaviours including destructive acts, stealing, assault, and abuse. Such behaviour interferes with a person's continuity of treatment, and increases the burden on patients, their caregivers, and society in general. Identifying rates and risk factors associated with criminal offending may lead to early identification of those most at risk and preventative interventions.

### What is the evidence for criminal offending in people with PTSD?

Moderate quality evidence found there may be increased rates of domestic violence in veterans with PTSD compared to veterans without PTSD, although the evidence is very inconsistent.

Moderate to high quality evidence found no differences in rates of criminal recidivism between juveniles with PTSD and juveniles without a mental illness.

For more information see the technical table

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*While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about PTSD and its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.*