



# **Forensic Psychology: Suicide Risk in Penitentiary**

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**Abstract:**

The penitentiary establishes a complex universe, sometimes unpredictable, having specific rules and procedures, but also a psychopathology significantly different from other environments. Hetero-aggressive and self-aggressive tendencies are much more frequent in incarcerated individuals, due to the rigidity of the environment and the tough conditions of life and survival, but also because of the personality disorders of the criminals or their difficulties to adapt to this oppressive environment.

The use of the aggressiveness as a strategy of survival is as often as self-harming and suicide tendencies. Suicide thinking, decision-making and the transition to act (parasuicide or effective suicide) have other patterns than among the normal population.

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