

## The *Acting-Out* Boy

...a type of behavior where an impulse or fantasy, conscious or unconscious, is immediately acted upon whether or not it be an inappropriate or realistic response....



They lack the ability to postpone, regulate, or foresee consequences....

The child seems no more able to muster up controls, to stop or alter his act, than the firecracker [once ignited] can stop itself from exploding.



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