Disturbed mothers of type D (Disorganized) attachment are at least 3x more likely than mothers of types A, B or C infants to exhibit the following behaviors:

- Laugh when infant is crying
- Invite approach then distance
- Use friendly tone while maintaining threatening posture
- Direct infant to do something then say not to do it
- Display a sudden change of mood, not elicited by the context
- Handle the infant as though infant were inanimate
- Display a frightening expression
- Withhold a toy from the infant
- Neglect to soothe a distressed infant
- Pull infant by the wrist
- Mock and tease the infant
- Tell a crying infant to hush
- Ignore an infant who falls down
- Use a loud or sharp voice
- Remove a toy with which the infant is engaged
- Hold infant away from body with stiff arms
- Speak in hushed, intimate, sexy tones with infant
- Talk in “haunted” or frightening voice