

- Screams
- Searches for parent with eyes
- Clings to parent
- Avoids and rejects contact with strangers

Additional behaviors observed during toddlerhood include:

- Verbally attacks strangers (e.g., “Go away”)
- Physically attacks strangers (e.g., kicks, bites, hits, pinches)
- Attempts to escape to find parent
- Attempts to physically force parent to stay

Behaviors may last from hours to days.

Protest, such as crying, may be continuous, ceasing only with physical exhaustion.

Approach of stranger may precipitate increased protest.

Stage of Despair

Observed behaviors include:

- Is inactive
- Withdraws from others
- Is depressed, sad