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Individuals with bipolar disorder are "more than twice as likely as the general population to commit violent crimes and nearly five times as likely to be arrested, jailed or convicted of an offense other than drunk driving," authors of a new study on the association between manic symptoms and criminal acts report.

Thirteen percent of the individuals studied who were diagnosed with bipolar I reported "legal involvement" during their most severe manic episode," according to "[Prevalence of involvement in the criminal justice system during severe mania and associated symptomatology](#)" (Psychiatric Services, Jan. 2012). "Legal involvement" was defined as being arrested, held at a police station or jailed.

The figure undoubtedly understates the actual number of impacted people who become "justice-involved" when manic because the study excluded individuals in prisons and jails – 100% of whom have "legal involvement" – or hospitals. It also looked only at individuals during their most severe manic episode.

Nonetheless, for those of us living or working with severe mental illness, the findings provide some insight into risk



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