

Need another word that means the same as “insecure”? Find 47 synonyms and 30 related words for “insecure” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Insecure” are: unsafe, unstable, unsecured, loose, rickety, rocky, wobbly, shaky, unsteady, precarious, unguarded, unprotected, vulnerable, defenceless, undefended, unshielded, exposed, assailable, open to attack, in danger, tense, awkward, strained, constrained, forced, fraught, unconfident, lacking confidence, lacking self-confidence, diffident, self-effacing, self-conscious, unforthcoming, uncertain, unsure, doubtful, hesitant, unassertive, retiring, shrinking, shy, timid, timorous, meek, passive, inhibited, introverted**

## Insecure as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Insecure" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “insecure” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Lacking self-confidence or assurance.*
- *Not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way.*
- *Not firm or fixed; liable to give way or break.*
- *(of a job or situation) liable to change for the worse; not permanent or settled.*
- *Lacking in security or safety.*
- *(of a person) uncertain or anxious about oneself; not confident.*
- *Not safe from attack.*
- *Not sufficiently protected; easily broken into.*



## Synonyms of "Insecure" as an adjective (47 Words)

<b>assailable</b>	Not defended or capable of being defended.
<b>awkward</b>	Causing difficulty; hard to do or deal with. <i>You have put me in a very <b>awkward</b> position.</i>
<b>constrained</b>	Lacking spontaneity; not natural. <i>A <b>constrained</b> smile.</i>
<b>defenceless</b>	Without defence or protection; totally vulnerable. <i>Attacks on <b>defenceless</b> civilians.</i>
<b>diffident</b>	Modest or shy because of a lack of self-confidence. <i>A <b>diffident</b> youth.</i>
<b>doubtful</b>	Not established as genuine or acceptable. <i>They were <b>doubtful</b> that the cord would hold.</i>
<b>exposed</b>	Not covered or hidden; visible. <i>A midi length dress with a high neck and an <b>exposed</b> zip.</i>

<b>forced</b>	Forced or compelled. <i>A <b>forced</b> landing.</i>
<b>fraught</b>	(of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable). <i>She sounded a bit <b>fraught</b>.</i>
<b>hesitant</b>	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>Her slow <b>hesitant</b> way of speaking.</i>
<b>in danger</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>inhibited</b>	Unable to act in a relaxed and natural way because of self-consciousness or mental restraint. <i>I could never appear nude I m far too <b>inhibited</b>.</i>
<b>introverted</b>	Of, denoting, or typical of an introvert.
<b>lacking confidence</b>	Nonexistent.
<b>lacking self-confidence</b>	Inadequate in amount or degree.
<b>loose</b>	(of play in cricket) inaccurate or careless. <i>He was told to avoid <b>loose</b> or light women.</i>
<b>meek</b>	Very docile. <i>A fine fiery blast against <b>meek</b> conformity.</i>
<b>open to attack</b>	Ready for business.
<b>passive</b>	(of a circuit or device) containing no source of electromotive force. <i>A <b>passive</b> optical network is to be installed in 2000 homes.</i>
<b>precarious</b>	Dependent on chance; uncertain. <i>A <b>precarious</b> ladder.</i>
<b>retiring</b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>A <b>retiring</b> member of the board.</i>
<b>rickety</b>	(of a structure or piece of equipment) poorly made and likely to collapse. <i>Poverty was evident in undernourished faces or <b>rickety</b> legs.</i>
<b>rocky</b>	Abounding in rocks or stones. <i>Hillsides of dry <b>rocky</b> soil.</i>
<b>self-conscious</b>	Aware of yourself as an individual or of your own being and actions and thoughts- D.M.Potter.
<b>self-effacing</b>	Reluctant to draw attention to yourself.
<b>shaky</b>	Not secure; beset with difficulties. <i>A cracked dangerously <b>shaky</b> table.</i>

<b>shrinking</b>	Becoming smaller in size or amount. <i>The <b>shrinking</b> market has provoked a massive price war.</i>
<b>shy</b>	Wary and distrustful; disposed to avoid persons or things. <i>The shares are 29p <b>shy</b> of their flotation price.</i>
<b><u>strained</u></b>	Of a mainly liquid substance having been strained to separate out any solid matter. <i>Relations between the two countries were <b>strained</b>.</i>
<b><u>tense</u></b>	Pronounced with relatively tense tongue muscles e.g. the vowel sound in beat. <i>Relations between the two neighbouring states were <b>tense</b>.</i>
<b><u>timid</u></b>	Showing fear and lack of confidence. <i>Problems that call for bold not <b>timid</b> responses.</i>
<b>timorous</b>	Showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence. <i>In a <b>timorous</b> tone.</i>
<b>unassertive</b>	Inclined to timidity or lack of self-confidence. <i>His bland and <b>unassertive</b> personal style.</i>
<b><u>uncertain</u></b>	Not established or confirmed. <i>Touched the ornaments with <b>uncertain</b> fingers.</i>
<b><u>unconfident</u></b>	Not confident; hesitant. <i>Very young people may have an <b>unconfident</b> approach.</i>
<b>undefended</b>	Not defended or capable of being defended. <i>Legal aid for <b>undefended</b> divorces.</i>
<b>unforthcoming</b>	(of a person) not willing to divulge information. <i>The sergeant seemed <b>unforthcoming</b> so he enquired at the gate.</i>
<b>unguarded</b>	Without protection or a guard. <i>His <b>unguarded</b> queen was open to attack.</i>
<b><u>unprotected</u></b>	Not protected or kept safe from harm or injury. <i>Healthcare workers remained <b>unprotected</b> against hepatitis B infection.</i>
<b>unsafe</b>	Not safe from attack. <i>Because the confession was unreliable the verdict was <b>unsafe</b> and unsatisfactory.</i>
<b>unsecured</b>	Of a creditor having made an unsecured loan. <i>The maid had been responsible for leaving the room <b>unsecured</b>.</i>
<b>unshielded</b>	Not protected or shielded. <i>He sank to his knees leaving her <b>unshielded</b>.</i>

**unstable**

Lacking stability or fixity or firmness.

*The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.*

**unsteady**

Not firmly or solidly positioned.

*He was very **unsteady** on his feet.*

**unsure**

Lacking or indicating lack of confidence or assurance.

*The date is **unsure**.*

**vulnerable**

Exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

*We were in a **vulnerable** position.*

**wobbly**

(of a person or voice) tending to move out of tone or slightly vary in pitch.

*A **wobbly** soprano.*



**Usage Examples of "Insecure" as an adjective**

- *An insecure footbridge.*
- *An insecure person lacking mental stability.*

- *An insecure future.*
- *A financially insecure period.*
- *A rather gauche, insecure young man.*
- *A top model who is notoriously insecure about her looks.*
- *The hinge is insecure.*
- *His fortune was increasingly insecure.*
- *An insecure computer system.*
- *Badly paid and insecure jobs.*



## Associations of "Insecure" (30 Words)

**anxiety**

A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.

*She suffered from **anxiety** attacks.*

**danger**

A dangerous place.

*One of the trains involved passed a signal at **danger**.*

<b>dangerous</b>	Involving or causing danger or risk; liable to hurt or harm. <i>Insecticides which are <b>dangerous</b> to the environment.</i>
<b>dicey</b>	Of uncertain outcome; especially fraught with risk- New Yorker. <i>Democracy is a <b>dicey</b> business.</i>
<b>fickle</b>	Liable to sudden unpredictable change. <i><b>Fickle</b> friends.</i>
<b>flammability</b>	The quality of being easily ignited and burning rapidly.
<b><u>hazardous</u></b>	Involving risk or danger. <i>Skydiving is a <b>hazardous</b> sport.</i>
<b><u>insecurity</u></b>	The anxiety you experience when you feel vulnerable and insecure. <i>Growing job <b>insecurity</b>.</i>
<b><u>instability</u></b>	Unreliability attributable to being unstable. <i>Political and economic <b>instability</b>.</i>
<b>parlous</b>	Full of danger or uncertainty; precarious. <i>A <b>parlous</b> journey on stormy seas.</i>
<b><u>perilous</u></b>	Fraught with danger. <i>A <b>perilous</b> voyage across the Atlantic in a small boat.</i>
<b><u>pitfall</u></b>	An unforeseen or unexpected or surprising difficulty. <i>The <b>pitfalls</b> of buying goods at public auctions.</i>
<b><u>precarious</u></b>	Fraught with danger. <i>He made a <b>precarious</b> living as a painter.</i>
<b>rickety</b>	Affected with, suffering from, or characteristic of rickets. <i>A <b>rickety</b> banking system.</i>
<b>risk</b>	Take a risk in the hope of a favorable outcome. <i>We <b>risked</b> losing a lot of money in this venture.</i>
<b><u>risky</u></b>	Involving risk or danger. <i>Anything that promises to pay too much can't help being <b>risky</b>.</i>
<b><u>shaky</u></b>	Not safe or reliable; liable to fail or falter. <i>A <b>shaky</b> marriage.</i>
<b>shivering</b>	Shaking slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold, frightened, or excited. <i>Sparkling light from the <b>shivering</b> crystals of the chandelier.</i>
<b>straddle</b>	Be noncommittal. <i>He turned the chair round and <b>straddled</b> it.</i>
<b>threatened</b>	(of flora or fauna) likely in the near future to become endangered. <i>The spotted owl is a <b>threatened</b> species not yet an endangered one.</i>

<b><u>toxicity</u></b>	Grave harmfulness or deadliness. <i>She went public with allegations of workplace <b>toxicity</b> and sexism.</i>
<b><u>uncertain</u></b>	Subject to change. <i>A manuscript of <b>uncertain</b> origin.</i>
<b><u>uncertainty</u></b>	Being unsettled or in doubt or dependent on chance. <i>Times of <b>uncertainty</b> and danger.</i>
<b><u>uneasy</u></b>	(of a situation or relationship) not settled; liable to change. <i>She lived in a state of <b>uneasy</b> truce with her strict father.</i>
<b><u>unrest</u></b>	A state of dissatisfaction, disturbance, and agitation, typically involving public demonstrations or disorder. <i>Social <b>unrest</b>.</i>
<b>unsafe</b>	Lacking in security or safety. <i>Because the confession was unreliable the verdict was <b>unsafe</b> and unsatisfactory.</i>
<b>unsettled</b>	Not settled or established. <i>One question remains <b>unsettled</b>.</i>
<b><u>unstable</u></b>	Prone to psychiatric problems or sudden changes of mood. <i>Everything was <b>unstable</b> following the coup.</i>
<b><u>unsteady</u></b>	Not firmly or solidly positioned. <i>An <b>unsteady</b> voice.</i>
<b>volatility</b>	The property of changing readily from a solid or liquid to a vapor. <i>The children have been exposed to the full force of her <b>volatility</b>.</i>



