

Need another word that means the same as “negligence”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “negligence” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Negligence” are: carelessness, neglect, nonperformance, neglectfulness, lack of care, lack of proper care and attention, dereliction of duty, non-performance of duty, non-fulfilment of duty, remissness, laxity, laxness, irresponsibility, inattention, inattentiveness, heedlessness, thoughtlessness, unmindfulness, forgetfulness

Negligence as a Noun

Definitions of "Negligence" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “negligence” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Breach of a duty of care which results in damage.*
- *The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern.*
- *Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances.*
- *Failure to take proper care over something.*



Synonyms of "Negligence" as a noun (19 Words)

carelessness	Failure to give sufficient attention to avoiding harm or errors; negligence. <i>Most road accidents are caused by carelessness on the part of motorists.</i>
dereliction of duty	Willful negligence.
forgetfulness	Tendency to forget. <i>His forgetfulness increased as he grew older.</i>
heedlessness	The trait of forgetting or ignoring your responsibilities.
inattention	Failure to attend to one's responsibilities; negligence. <i>His inattention to duty.</i>
inattentiveness	A lack of attentiveness (as to children or helpless people).

irresponsibility	A form of untrustworthiness; the trait of lacking a sense of responsibility and not feeling accountable for your actions. <i>The economic ills are a consequence of greed and irresponsibility.</i>
lack of care	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
lack of proper care and attention	The state of needing something that is absent or unavailable.
laxity	The condition of being physiologically lax. Laxity of discipline.
laxness	The condition of being physiologically lax. <i>Baths can help the laxness of the bowels.</i>
neglect	The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern. <i>He was reported for neglect of duty.</i>
neglectfulness	The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern.
non-fulfilment of duty	The social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force- John.
non-performance of duty	The social force that binds you to the courses of action demanded by that force- John.
nonperformance	Failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances.
remissness	The quality of being lax and neglectful.
thoughtlessness	The trait of not thinking carefully before acting.
unmindfulness	The trait of forgetting or ignoring your responsibilities.

Usage Examples of "Negligence" as a noun

- *His injury was due to the negligence of his employers.*

Associations of "Negligence" (30 Words)

abandonment	The action or fact of abandoning or being abandoned. <i>His abandonment of his wife and children left them penniless.</i>
apathy	An absence of emotion or enthusiasm. <i>Widespread apathy among students.</i>
awkwardness	The quality of being awkward. <i>There was a moment of awkwardness.</i>

<u>careless</u>	(usually followed by `of') without due thought or consideration. <i>He was careless of his own safety.</i>
carelessness	Failure to give sufficient attention to avoiding harm or errors; negligence. <i>Most road accidents are caused by carelessness on the part of motorists.</i>
culpable	Deserving blame or censure as being wrong or evil or injurious. <i>Mercy killings are less culpable than ordinary murders.</i>
defect	An imperfection in an object or machine. <i>Visual defects.</i>
dereliction	The state of having been abandoned and become dilapidated. <i>A gross dereliction of duty by the Secretary of State.</i>
desertion	The act of giving something up. <i>Three officers were shot for desertion.</i>
<u>disinterest</u>	Tolerance attributable to a lack of involvement. <i>I do not claim any scholarly disinterest with this book.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>The fault plane dips northwards.</i>
<u>inaction</u>	Lack of action where some is expected or appropriate. <i>Future generations will condemn us for inaction.</i>
inattention	Lack of attention. <i>His inattention to duty.</i>
inattentive	Failing to attend to the comfort or wishes of others. <i>Inattentive students.</i>
<u>incapable</u>	(followed by `of') lacking capacity or ability. <i>He is incapable of understanding the matter.</i>
incompetence	Inability of a part or organ to function properly. <i>Allegations of professional incompetence.</i>
indifference	Mediocrity. <i>She shrugged feigning indifference.</i>
<u>ineffectual</u>	(of a person) lacking the ability or qualities to fulfil a role or handle a situation. <i>An ineffectual campaign.</i>
<u>inefficiency</u>	Unskillfulness resulting from a lack of efficiency. <i>The idea is to eliminate inefficiency creating a seamless manufacturing process.</i>
ineptitude	Lack of skill or ability. <i>The officials displayed remarkable ineptitude.</i>

<u>insensitive</u>	Not sensitive to a physical sensation. <i>She was remarkably insensitive to pain.</i>
<u>lazy</u>	(of a brand on livestock) placed on its side rather than upright. <i>Too lazy to wash the dishes.</i>
mistake	To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>Coming here was a mistake.</i>
negligent	Characterized by neglect and undue lack of concern. <i>Negligent in his correspondence.</i>
nonchalance	The trait of remaining calm and seeming not to care; a casual lack of concern. <i>An air of nonchalance.</i>
numbness	Partial or total lack of sensation in a part of the body; a symptom of nerve damage or dysfunction. <i>Tingling and numbness in the left arm.</i>
<u>obscurity</u>	The quality of being unclear or abstruse and hard to understand. <i>He worked in obscurity for many years.</i>
passivity	Acceptance of what happens, without active response or resistance. <i>Nickel increases the overall passivity of the iron.</i>
potter	A craftsman who shapes pottery on a potter's wheel and bakes them in a kiln. <i>An afternoon's potter through the rooms and possessions of the rich.</i>
unconcern	The trait of remaining calm and seeming not to care; a casual lack of concern. <i>He is famed for his laid back attitude his apparent unconcern about his actions.</i>