

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.

*Most road accidents are caused by **carelessness** on the part of motorists.*

**dereliction of duty**

Willful negligence.

**forgetfulness**

Tendency to forget.

*His **forgetfulness** increased as he grew older.*

**heedlessness**

The trait of forgetting or ignoring your responsibilities.

**inattention**

Failure to attend to one's responsibilities; negligence.

*His **inattention** to duty.*

**inattentiveness**

A lack of attentiveness (as to children or helpless people).

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

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

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

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