1. THE USER as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ This person only has friend as long as he/she can use them for some purpose or goal of his/her own.
   ▪ This person could be the most harmful of toxic friends.

2. THE BETRAYER as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ Nothing hurts more than a friend who betrays you.
   ▪ The betrayer is truly a toxic friend.

3. THE CONTROL FREAK as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ The control freak is a friend as long as she/he is in control.
   ▪ The control freak often seems to be helping you.
   ▪ Refuse that help or break that control and find out what toxic friendship really means.

4. THE JUDGE as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ Ever judgmental, ever critical, this friend can erode your self-esteem.
   ▪ The judge is a fault finder.
   ▪ You can rarely do anything completely right with this toxic friend.

5. THE LEANER as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ The leaner is a very needy friend who clings and may be at your doorstep every day.
   ▪ He/she usually wants all of your time and jealousy often enters the picture in this friendship.

   There are nine main types of toxic friends – those people whose friendship hurts you eventually.
   ▪ Knowing the categories of toxic friends helps you avoid them. Unfortunately, though, becoming friends is risky and there is never a guarantee you will not be hurt by a toxic friend.

6. THE PROMISE BREAKER as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ This person rarely does what he/she says he will do.
   ▪ If you have a date, your toxic friend is often a no-show. A general lack dependability makes this person a toxic friend.

7. THE GOSSIP as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ The gossip will eventually betray your trust & become a toxic friend.
   ▪ Gossips are easy to spot so beware your friendships with them what he/she says he will do.

8. THE SELF–CENTERED as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ Self–centered people can’t think of you as they are too busy thinking of themselves.
   ▪ They make toxic friends.

9. THE COMPETITOR as A TOXIC FRIEND
   ▪ The competitor is always looking to be "one up."
   ▪ Although some competitiveness is normal in friendships, too much competition makes a toxic friend.
   ▪ Again, no one can always avoid a toxic friend. But often to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Entering into a friendship opens the door for hurt and harm.
   ▪ A harmful friend or a toxic friendship can be one of life's hardest relationship tribulations to forgive and forget.
   ▪ Toxic friends often come back to haunt you for a long time.

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