adjective

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1. extremely bad and shocking or frightening

Syn: [†]horrifying

- a horrific murder/accident/attack, etc.
- · Her injuries were horrific.
- · She's been through a horrific ordeal.
- 2. (informal) very bad or unpleasant

Syn: [†]horrendous

• We had a horrific trip. Some speakers do not pronounce the 'h' at the beginning of horrific and use 'an' instead of 'a' before it. This now sounds old-fashioned.

Derived Word horrifically

Word Origin:

[horrific horrifically] mid 17th cent.: from Latin horrificus, from horrere 'tremble, shudder'.

Example Bank:

- Some of the scenes we witnessed were quite horrific.
- She's been through a horrific ordeal.
- · There's been a horrific murder.

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extremely bad, in a way that is frightening or upsetting SYN horrifying

- horrific crash/accident/attack etc
- a horrific plane crash
- His injuries were horrific.
- -horrifically /-kli/ adverb

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