Relationship Advice: How Do You Know When It's Right To Move In With Someone?





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So you think you're ready to move in with your significant other? After all, he's fun, treats you well, and let's face it, he really only gets on your nerves about 20 percent of the time. What more could you ask for in a man? But before you go unpacking in his place, you better make sure you're prepared for what comes with the move ahead. Moving in with the wrong person can be a nightmarish experience. Especially when you find yourself packing up your bags and single again. As a relationship expert, here is my relationship advice and thoughts on whether you should make the big move.

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Are you compatible living partners? What does his place look like when you visit or sleep over? Are there socks always laying around his apartment floor? Does he ever make his bed? Does it look like some of his dishes have taken a permanent residence in his sink? If you too have a fondness for living off paper plates and doing dishes once a month, this may be a match made in heaven. But for all you women out there who prefer to keep clean, the best dating advice I can offer you is that you may want to reconsider moving in with someone who will unintentionally turn you into his own personal maid. This will eventually build resentment and lead to big problems down the road.

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Will you be a guest or a resident? How big is his place? Is there room for your 25 pairs of designer shoes? Is he willing to let you convert his man cave into a floral masterpiece of feminine energy oozing out of every wall? At the end of the day, you need to be able to feel like you're at home with the person you're moving in with. Maybe you don't have to tear down his man cave on an extreme level. But at the minimum, make sure he is open to letting you provide a little personal touch to your place so that you feel like you are a resident, not a visitor.

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How often do you fight? Fighting is one thing when you live apart. You can get mad, hug it out, then have some space for a day or more. When you live together, that person who is driving you crazy will be there when you wake up, eat, and go

to sleep. There is no escape. Everyone will fight once in a while, but if you are fighting on a weekly, or even monthly basis, moving in is an absolutely horrendous idea.

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Are you trying to heal the relationship? Some couples that are struggling in their relationships figure that moving in will make them closer. Maybe if you live together you will stop fighting as much and form a stronger bond right? Wrong. This will only end the relationship at a rapid-fire pace. My relationship advice: Work out whatever issues you have or strengthen the love between you and your man before you jump to that next level of sharing a residence.

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