Dating Advice: The Do's and Don'ts of Online Dating First Dates

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Ready for your very first online date? No? Well, don't worry. If you're nervous about meeting someone for the first time or simply need some solid [dating advice](#), today, we are going to go over some fundamental first date information that you should abide by when you meet your next online match.

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1. Do take the time to look your best: Whether you are meeting straight from work or have had long busy day with your kids and are trying to squeeze in a date, you can't excuse yourself from looking your best. Men especially are very visual, so you need to put in the effort to reveal your best self if you want to impress him. Approach a date the same way you would approach a job interview: Dress for the occasion and take the process seriously.

2. Don't sexualize the way you look: Looking your best doesn't mean letting all your best assets hang out in all their glory. It's okay to show sex appeal — in fact, it's even good. But less is more. Do so in a classy way.

3. Do meet in a public space: Safety should be one of your biggest concerns when online dating. Bad incidents are very rare, but they do happen. Always choose a public place that is fairly populated. Bars, restaurants, parks during the day, and coffee shops are just a few of the many domains that will accommodate this concern.

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4. Don't accept a ride: Remember, safety first! Meet your date at the initial location that you decide upon and don't accept a ride home on the first date, no matter what. Even if your partner is safe, it still might create an awkward situation at the end of the night. If and when you get to a second date, then you can start expanding your boundaries a little.

5. Do prepare some topics of conversation in advance: Nothing is worse than awkward silences on a first date. Even if you're getting along great, it's still common to have lulls in the conversation when you meet someone for the first

time. Circumvent this problem by having a few topics ready to go in your emergency conversation bank.

6. Don't try to take over complete control of the date: Making suggestions is great; most people will appreciate this effort. But don't try to take control over every aspect of where you go and what you do, or you may accidentally create the impression of being controlling and high maintenance. Instead, being easygoing and open are always two of the most attractive qualities someone can have.

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7. Do touch your date if you are interested: Yes, you should touch your date. But before you jump on top of him in the middle of dinner, I don't mean in a sexual way! I'm talking about little touches on their arm or the small of their back when making a point. Small touches like that communicate interest and establish a physical bond that will make you feel less like friends and more like potential romantic partners.

8. Don't start pre-planning future dates: Sometimes, people get excited about how well the date is going and start suggesting future ideas about where the two of you should go on a second, third, or fourth date. Don't do this. You may accidentally scare off someone who was otherwise interested in asking you out again.

9. Do text your date after if you had a great time: If you enjoyed yourself during your date, let the other person know with a text and thank them if they treated you to anything. This small gesture will go a long way towards showing them that you're a good person who is appreciative when someone is kind to you.

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