

Ask the Guy's Guy: Is the Turkey Drop Real and How to Survive a Thanksgiving Breakup



By [Robert Manni](#)

Question from Julie S. asks: "I've been dating my boyfriend for almost a year, and this is our first holiday season together. After reading an article about the Turkey Drop, I'm curious if you think it's real and if there are some signs that my boyfriend might do the same to me? Thanks!"

Were you Turkey Dropped this Thanksgiving?

Hi Julie:

Regardless of the season, if your boyfriend is about to drop you, it will be more than obvious. Here are some obvious signs, though. He might seem more distant, he is not paying as much attention to you, and his eyes may be wandering. Maybe he does not respond to your texts as quickly and has become less available during the week due to after-hours “meetings” and drinks with coworkers and his buddies. Or so he says... These are universal signs that he may be moving on, regardless of the time of the year. And, that’s the real issue.

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If you are in a tenuous or strained relationship, by the time November rolls around, all the holiday pressure and fanfare heading into the season make it a conveniently self-serving time to cut things off. Of course, no one likes being dropped, but in a way, escaping an unfulfilling relationship before the holidays can provide needed time to reset so you get a jumpstart on the new year which is only a month away.

Although it can be uncomfortable answering the same questions on Thanksgiving and other holiday get-togethers about why your guy isn’t with you, if things are not working it’s better to get this out of the way and enjoy the holidays on your terms. After all, during these hectic days, everyone is focused on their own affairs, not your relationship status. Plus, when you are newly single, holiday parties are opportunities to get back in circulation and make new connections while taking your mind off your ex.

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Let's face it. No one likes getting dumped, especially at this time of year. However, if you're a glass-half-full person, being "turkey dropped" allows you to enjoy the company of your squad and loved ones without worrying about your now ex-boyfriend's intentions. After all, who wants to stay in an unsettling relationship simply because it's the holidays? Sometimes sudden endings are gifts in disguise.

Love yourself and make your happiness top priority, regardless of the time of year. When you're in the right relationship you won't be concerned about looking for signs that he's going to dump you. You'll be too busy having a great time and feeling good about your relationship.

Hope this helps, Happy Thanksgiving, and drop that turkey if he's not treating you well!

Your Guy's Guy

Happy holidays and good luck!

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