

# Simple Social Media Rules During Divorce: Don't Do It!



By Jacqueline Newman

According to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, in 2016, over 80 percent of divorce attorneys reported a large increase of evidence collected from social media in the past five years.

No matter how much you are itching to fire off a tweet or update your Facebook status with details about your soon-to-be ex, I strongly advise against engaging in social media during the divorce process. Social media is simply a world that can make your divorce much more difficult.

# Social Commentary Feeds Public Opinion

Anything the public has access to can be used against you in court. So the first thing your spouse's attorney is going to do is Google you—and Google will show what you have been up to. Opposing counsel wants to know who you are, and however you showcase yourself to the world on social media, this will be the way you are presented in court. I cannot stress this enough: If you are getting a divorce, do not go on social media and post things about your spouse or your children because chances are it will be used as evidence against you in court.

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**Consider the following facts:**

- Ninety percent of lawyers use evidence from text messages.
- Cell phone bills are used as evidence in divorce.
- GPS on cell phones offers opportunities for tracking and recording conversations.
- Email accounts can be subpoenaed and used as evidence.
- Deleted emails are easily retrieved.
- Facebook leaves a trail on everything from behavior to spending to traveling with photographic proof.
- Dating websites provide profiles letting everyone see dating activities.

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I have dozens of anecdotes about individuals who posted random status updates on Facebook and tweets on Twitter that got them into massive trouble during divorce proceedings. One man started posting photos of himself socializing, drinking, and

living the good life while his wife was going through economic hardship with their young child. In that case, opposing counsel showed the judge the husband's Facebook feed and used it as evidence of his ability to pay higher amounts in child support. The lesson here? Control your fingers.

If you are claiming you cannot afford child support, do not post pictures of your brand-new BMW. Do not advertise the fact you just closed a lucrative deal at work with a new client or that you made a killing on Wall Street. Just be quiet.

[During divorce just] stay off social media. I have never heard of anyone whose problems were instantly solved after she aired her dirty laundry on Facebook. Sometimes loose fingers are worse than loose lips.

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# Expert Dating Advice: Are You Ready To Move-In Together?



By [Megan Weks](#)

Thinking about moving in with him? Read some [expert relationship advice](#) to see if you are ready to make this move.

## Making the next big step in the relationship!

Before you move in with him, consider this: Rent is expensive and you'd LOVE to share it with him... You're sick of living out of a suitcase every weekend when you're at his house. You're practically there all the time. His dog is starting to call

you “Mom.” Is it time to move in? Think about this from a Man’s perspective. What generally is a man seeking out of a relationship with you? Warmth. Encouragement. Admiration. Love. Sex. He gets it all nearly all of the time when you move in with him. We have all heard the old adage, why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free? Well, it’s something to seriously consider when you are looking to move in with him.

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When the conversation of moving in arises, it’s an opportunity. It’s your chance to create a moment to have a man face some real-life questions. Basically, what are his intentions here? Otherwise, I guarantee it’s not on the top of his mind. He is probably focused on his career or other important things like his fantasy league or latest fall micro-brew. He’s not going to be sitting there thinking about his intentions with you. It may not cross his mind at all how this move could benefit you or not benefit you a year later when he’s about ready to pick his fantasy team, again...

Use this moment to discuss intentions rather than going with the flow or “hoping.” A tactic I see women using all the time. I also see it blowing up in their face where it’s a year later, they are a year older, and they have nothing more but a year more of memories with a dude who just “wasn’t ready” for what she wanted.

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Now realize I don’t know you or your relationship so I’m simply asking you to consider this before proceeding. If you’re looking for a formal commitment to A.K. A. engagement or marriage, don’t allow a man to have you in his place all cozy while he decides what he wants to do with you. He gets to play house. He gets to have it all. You can spend plenty of time together to experience what living with one another might

be like. You don't have to actually take that plunge to learn what you need to learn.

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Here is another thinking point. Are you considering moving in because it's an inconvenience to you? You're tired of going back and forth. You're tired of living out of a bag when you're at his place? Why is it that we women tend to travel to the man's house? Why are we spending more time over there rather than him spending time at our place? I've heard answers many reasons to this question. He doesn't have a roommate and you do. He has a bigger bed, a bigger place or better TV. I've heard that the man isn't comfortable there and can't sleep well over at your place, and many more excuses.

Sometimes it starts to feel like a girlfriend delivery service. You're so cozy at this point, he barely has to take you out anymore on dates. I've seen men stay in relationships for years because they have all that they need but they also don't intend on proceeding with a formal commitment. After seven years, you move out and he marries the next woman who comes along who he dated for seven months! I'm pretty sure we have all heard some version of a similar story.

I see way too many women jumping through hoops to be the girlfriend. Let him jump through hoops to have you in his life at all. Did you know that a man will appreciate you about 100 times or more if you are very certain in your value and your deservingness to be appreciated? Women are so afraid to lose a man that they seem to hardly take this approach of making him work hard to have her in his life. A man wants to do this work. He wants to cherish you and go out of his way for you. If you make everything too easy on him, he will view the relationship as less valuable.

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Before moving in, you need to truly figure out what's best for you. I'm not asking you to take a fear-based approach but I am suggesting to be smart about this decision. It's a big one. Don't do it out of convenience. Don't do it if you don't know where the relationship is headed. Discuss both of your intentions and a timeline of expectations before you take the relationship to the next level.

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## **Ask The Guy's Guy: What to do if You Find Your Partner Using Online Dating Sites**





By [Robert Manni](#)

*Question from Anna B (Binghamton, New York): I recently found my significant other (who I met on online) using an online dating website when I was on it. What should I do next?*

## **Caught partner on online dating site, what should I do next?**

The irony to this question is that when you are checking up on your partner online, your profile must be active also. This happened to me a few times and like most singles, I pushed back by asking what she was doing online also. At the time, I thought it was a good idea to keep my options open and in case things did not work out. Truth be told, I was a bad boy and liked window shopping all the beautiful ladies still on the market. Was this fair? Of course not, but at the time I enjoyed meeting new women and did not think I wanted a serious relationship. But all that changed when I was taught a great lesson about dating by the woman who later became my wife.



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When we met online, she'd just returned to the dating scene after a long-term relationship ended. She signed up for a free three day pass on Match and winked at me. I was the only guy she met. I was having fun dating randomly and thought I was in no hurry to settle on one partner. But when after three great dates she asked me why my profile was still active on the site, she was not accusatory and asked in such an innocent way that I thought she was more curious than snooping. It felt like she was honestly wondering why I kept my profile active on this dating site while we were going out.

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When I thought about it, I realized that I had been dating so much that I'd waded too deep in the online dating pool and forgotten why I was dating in the first place. I was having a blast dating, but deep down, like most singles, I wanted a partner. So, after she asked me this innocent, but loaded question, I told her I'd hide my profile. And it's stayed hidden. The more we dated, the more I liked being with her. She taught me that it was important to give new relationships a fair chance. If things didn't work out, we could reactive our profiles and get on with our lives. Without saying anything more about it, we began dating exclusively and never looked back.

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The moral of the story is that if you find your partner's profile is still active online, ask him or her why and what their intentions are. Ask them if they want to date around or give the relationship a chance to grow. This way, you know where you stand without having to juggle partners and sneak

around. I found this to be a more honest way of dating. So, if you're feeling good about someone, consider giving your relationship the best opportunity to succeed by hiding or shutting down your online presence.

Good luck.

*If you would like relationship expert Robert Manni to answer your online dating/relationship questions, please email [gillian@nvmediainc.com](mailto:gillian@nvmediainc.com)*

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## Relationship Advice: The Afterlife Connection



By Dr. Jane Greer

There is nothing more shattering than dealing with the death of a loved one. It turns you inside out, and it can feel like you might never recover. The magnitude of the loss can be overwhelming. However, one of the most inexplicable, profound, and powerful avenues for not just coping with the death itself, but also moving forward with your life is experiencing signs from your loved one that they are still with you and sending you love. I call these signs transcommunication. Television personality and entrepreneur Bethenny Frankel had an experience with this when she accidentally texted her late boyfriend Dennis Shields, and at another point received a text that nobody claimed to write. She acknowledged after that she thought it was, "weird."

I talk about this exact situation in my book *The Afterlife Connection: A Therapist Reveals How to Communicate with Departed Loved Ones*. I actually wrote the book because of my own experiences after I lost my mother. She gave me, and continues to give me twenty years later, such clear signs that she is still with me that I felt compelled to learn more and explore what was happening.

**Opening myself up to the possibility of transcommunication transformed my life, and continues to today. It can do the same for you once you begin to know what to look for.**

Many people have a hard time understanding or accepting this possibility, or might even be frightened by it. But numerous scientists are now devoted to research and a better

understanding of this phenomenon, including the work being done at The Afterlife Research and Education Institute. The big question is, how can you bring this to a personal level? To begin with, in the same way Bethenny said her experiences were “weird,” one indication that you are receiving a sign is that you say, “I know this sounds crazy but,” when you talk about it. That’s because you know something important happened, but you don’t have the means to explain it rationally. Another clue is when you get goosebumps or chills. How, then, can you begin to learn to read the signs that are sent your way? In my book I refer to another book written by Louis E. LaGrand, Ph.D. called After Death Communication. In his preface, he describes the various ways people might become aware of communications from deceased loved ones.

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ADCs (after-death communications) include sensing the presence of the deceased, feeling a touch, smelling a fragrance, hearing the voice or seeing the deceased, and meeting the loved one in a vision or dream. Messages are also received in symbolic ways, such as finding an object associated with the deceased, unusual appearances or behavior of birds and animals, or other unexplainable happenings which occur at or shortly after the moment of death. Several combinations of the above phenomena may occur within weeks of death or over a period of years.

Along the same lines, Bill and Judy Guggenheim, in their seminal book Hello from Heaven, have categorized and provided anecdotal evidence for the innumerable methods – from visual to olfactory to auditory to symbolic – those in spirit have used to communicate with the living. Those they categorize as symbolic include the appearance of birds, butterflies, rainbows, animals of all kinds and a variety of inanimate objects such as seashells, coins, and pictures.

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When coincidence comes calling, consider instead that you are really dealing with a message of love from the other side. Here are three important things to keep in mind as you search for your own answers. The first is, be open to its occurring. If you accept it can happen to you, it will. The second is to debunk the notion that something huge has to happen, which is not the case. The signs can be subtle and small. They do not have to be big, sweeping gestures. For example, you might think about your mother and her favorite song comes on the radio, or you think about your father and a picture falls over. And the third is to be aware that some of the signs might come through energetically and might affect your computer, your car, your television, or any other machine or device by interfering with their function and disrupting what you are doing. Instead of being annoyed when these things break or malfunction, shift your way of thinking to see it as a sign and embrace that.

In my book I also talk about dream visits, in which the deceased is present in your dreams but not dead. The feeling is so powerful that I call these dreams, “the you’re still alive, you’re not dead dreams.” There might be a particular interactive quality to the dream – different from others – where you feel you are right there with the person. It is defined by an intense reality that other dreams don’t possess, and after you experience one you wake up with a profound sense of well-being.

The most important takeaway here with all of this is that seeing is believing. It seems Bethenny had this experience, and if you, too, are able to open your heart and mind to this, you make room for your loved one to stay connected with you in a way that is remarkable.

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## Relationship Advice: Will Your Perfect Partner Vision Become Reality?





By Dr. Jane Greer

Some people refer to it as the Soulmate List, others as the Love List. Whatever you call it, there is a popular trend being used by many hopeful romantics in which people write down the traits they hope to find in a mate – anything from handsome to well-read to empathetic – with the belief that putting it out there will allow the universe, or whatever entity might grant true love, to conjure it up. In fact, Tiffany Haddish dished about her “dream guy” having everything from cooking skills to excellent credit to beautiful hands. While it’s nice to fantasize about the ideal companion, the reality is we all have flaws and imperfections. And the later in life you meet, the more likely each person has baggage from former relationships and life experiences, which can sometimes include previous marriages or even children.

**So, the question becomes, is the practice of creating a perfect**

# partner on paper leading you closer to or further from your goal?

Can this idea of putting a vision out there make it become a reality and energetically bring him or her into your life? Or does creating a dream person end up actually stifling your dreams because there can't possibly be anyone out there who fits every aspect of what you are looking for?

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We all know there is no perfect person, and waiting for one will mean you might continue to be alone until you feel ready to compromise. If you keep searching for your dream person, you might be dreaming for a long time while remaining single. It's important to leave room for the reality of who a person is, since nobody can live up to a fantasy. If you are not willing to consider someone beyond your list – for example, you want your future partner to be six feet tall and you rule out anyone who isn't – then you are limiting yourself in your search for love. How, then, can you have a dream list that can work for you and not against you? First of all, it is important to have a sense of what you are looking for in a partner so you can place a premium on and appreciate what you like – creativity, hardworking, smart – whatever it might be. But so often someone simply looks to what the other person brings to the equation, are they tall? Beautiful? Wealthy? Do they have an exciting job? Do they have a great social life? And while these details can certainly enhance your life and your relationship, there is something else even more important to consider. That is – how they make you feel when you are with them. Do they make you believe you are special? Can you be real, be yourself, and not worry that you are being constantly judged? Do you laugh a lot when you are together? Do they have a sense of humor, and do they understand and



appreciate yours? Are they interested in meeting your family? Do they take care of you when you are sick? These are the details that trump someone's height, or someone's job title, or how much someone's annual salary is.

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It is so easy to get hung up on the external details, but very often it is these other ingredients, the personal ones, that can be on the back burner and eventually lead to a high flame if you are open to it, as was the case in the movie *When Harry Met Sally*. If you can keep your eyes and heart open, and not rule someone out because they don't match one of the items on your dream list, you are more likely to find love. Those items – such as being a good cook in Tiffany's case – should be considered to be the bonus prizes, the perks, but not the essentials. So when you sit down to write that dream list of yours, include yourself, what you hope your partner will be able to give to you emotionally, and what they might bring out in you. After all, the search for true love is a journey for two.

Hopefully Tiffany will find everything she thinks she wants in her dream guy, and so much more.

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# Expert Dating Advice: The #1 Thing Holding You Back From The Right Relationship



By Gillian Lee

In this weeks Single in Stiletto, [dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to Antia Boyd about the #1 thing holding you back from the right relationship. Watch the video above and read the article below to find out some good dating tips in your life!

# What's Holding You Back In A Relationship

Boyd tells us that the number one thing holding us back from the right relationship is that we're always wanting to be right! Boyd states, "I need to be right because when I'm right I can rely on that and I can't rely on anyone else." She explains this is how most women feel, and this can ultimately hold you back.

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You have to be willing to be wrong in dating. Acknowledge you can be wrong, and that will allow you to fully open up. Us women are so used to being, "strong independent women" and we love being in control and always knowing the outcome. Oshima states, "sometimes you just have to go with the flow and that's how things happen organically." It's hard sometimes for independent women to allow the man to take the lead and receive in a relationship. But doing so, will let your relationship thrive!

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Most women haven't perfected the "transitioning" between work mode, and love mode. Women should have a transition between when they leave work to when they are back with their significant other, so it shows a man that you're giving them your undivided attention.

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# The Exciting World of Celebrity Engagements and Weddings



Members of the general public are fascinated by the love lives of their favorite celebrities. They adore hearing about movie stars and their engagements. They love getting news about musicians, athletes, models and media personalities who are planning glitzy wedding festivities, too. Famous people are often stealthy and protective about their love lives at first. They don't want the media finding out about their plans and perhaps even ruining them. They like to hold on to the small amounts of privacy they can manage.

# Many different components go into celebrity romances in the modern age. Find out more!

Some celebrities take to social media platforms to inform the public of their engagements. Other celebrities choose to take a more mysterious route. People often hear about massive [celebrity weddings](#) after the fact. It isn't unusual to hear about film stars who elope in different nations. It isn't uncommon to hear about television stars who get married in lavish ceremonies on the beach, in the mountains, all the way across the ocean in Italy and perhaps even at city hall with no one around.

Rings are a big part of the culture of a celebrity marriage. This isn't a surprise. It can be fascinating to stare at engagement rings. It can be just as riveting to look at wedding rings. People can't wait to see the enormous "rocks" on celebrity fingers. These rings often cost celebrities pretty pennies, too. People who look online and in magazines often see close-up pictures showcasing these rings from every angle possible. It doesn't matter if it's a chic [black engagement ring with diamonds](#); it doesn't matter if it's contemporary or classic. People want to see the ring that Pete Davidson got for Ariana Grande. They want to see what Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have.

Engaged couples of all kinds regularly hire professional wedding planners to assist them with their big days. Celebrity weddings are often high-end affairs with impressive guest lists, stunning surroundings, and high-end design components. That's the reason that it makes complete sense for celebrities to recruit professional assistance. It's not exactly a small feat to put together a successful wedding for an individual who is in the public eye. It can be particularly tough to

orchestrate a strong wedding for two famous people. Celebrities tend to work with wedding planners who have amazing track records and well-known client bases. These professionals are often based in large cities like Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and London.

Wedding planners for celebrities often have difficult jobs on their plates. They have to select the ideal venues, first and foremost. Celebrities are like anyone else in that they can be rather fussy about the venue selection process. Some celebrities prefer the idea of venues that are comparatively intimate and small. Others like the concept of venues that are larger than life. Celebrity wedding planners have to strike a delicate balance. They have to be able to locate venues that are simultaneously “deluxe” and private. Fortunately, there are venues all over the planet that fit this description. Some celebrity couples tie the knot inside of rustic farmhouses that are located in picturesque New England. Others kick off married life in five-star hotels situated in the heart of energetic Manhattan. There are always many interesting choices accessible to diligent wedding planners.

Food is a major part of any wedding. Wedding planners for celebrities naturally have to make arrangements that pertain to menus. There are quite a few credible and widely known catering businesses that are suitable for five-star weddings. They specialize in all kinds of cuisines, too. A celebrity affair may include main dishes from France, Italy, Mexico, India or Japan. It may include appetizers from Thailand, Sweden, Peru, and Germany, as well. Highly regarded event catering businesses serve everything from Cajun to Chinese delights.

Peace is a rare thing for many people who are in the public eye. That’s the reason that some of the most prominent celebrities are so protective about their engagement and wedding plans. Some celebrities refuse to reveal their plans with regard to their honeymoons. People often have to

speculate about their trips. The media made a lot of guesses that related to the honeymoon schedule for Prince Harry and Meghan. They didn't depart for their honeymoon immediately after marrying.

Planning a beautiful and private celebrity wedding does take a lot of arranging, but when planned correctly, it is an amazing time for them and a time for the rest of us to dream about their special day.

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## Parenting Advice: How to Manage Being a Working Parent



By Dr. Jane Greer

The push and pull between holding down a job and taking care of a home is an ongoing struggle. It can be hard to balance taking care of the kids, pursuing a career, and getting all of the daily housework and chores done. If a mom is going back to work after taking time off to start a family, it can be even harder to transition into the workforce again. Eva Mendes has opened up about her struggles as a working mother of two. She talked about how difficult some of the simple things can become when you are juggling so much, even just getting dressed.

**So what, if anything, is the answer to managing the tug of war and the potential chaos that comes with working and being a parent?**

There are two things going on when a mom decides to go back to work after spending time at home with children. The first is something Eva touched on, getting the logistics into place. The second, and this one can often be even more difficult to deal with, is the guilt and longing that can go along with the decision to return to a job, and the transition of actually doing it. Not only might you want to be with your kids, but you also might feel you are not doing the right thing by leaving them with a nanny or at daycare. The hope is that you will be able to find a middle ground so you are not consumed by these feelings, and you are able to enjoy your work and be present there.

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There is no one answer for all women, each one has to find her own way and her own balance. Here are a few things to keep in



mind, though, as you navigate your way. The first is that while you may not be able to spend all day with your child anymore the way you are used to doing, know that research has shown that what is most important is the quality of the time you spend together, not the quantity. In other words, it is better to have one or two meaningful hours together a day, which you may be able to find before or after work, when you are completely focused on what your child needs, than it is to have all day every day when you are frazzled, possibly unfulfilled, and not paying full attention to your son or daughter. People often falsely equate the idea that being the “good enough mother “ means being with your child all the time. However, the term, used by Winnicott and other developmental theorists, in fact means setting aside your needs in order to be available and responsive to those of your kids, and in this way you are completely attuned to them, which ensures promoting their emotional well-being. This can be achieved in many different ways, and, in reality, it is how you spend the time you do have together, no matter how much it is in a given day, that really counts. With this knowledge, you may be able to set a few realistic goals which will help ease the transition back to work. For example, you might be able to carve out a chunk of time in the day or night when you can really tune in to your child, whether it be reading together, singing, or even having fun choosing an outfit for the next day.

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Some women, though, become so consumed with being a stay-at-home mom that it can really color the enjoyment of the job. Of course, sometimes there is a hard and fast financial element to deciding to go back, and if that is the case know you are doing exactly what your family needs, and keep in mind that the research is on your side. If you are more flexible, though, and it won't interfere with your sense of self, see if

you can delay the return to work so you can continue to be physically and emotionally present for your children for a while longer. Some people choose to never go back to work. Making that choice really comes down to determining how crucial the work is to your well-being. If you know you will regret it and resent not being at work more, explore the possibility of finding a compromise, and try to come up with a plan where you are not away from home all day, maybe you can work part time or a few days a week.

It sounds like Eva is finding her way with that and doing what every mom has to do – confronting that fork in the road and looking at what will be the most meaningful and viable way to move forward for her and her children. Ultimately, that is all you can ask of yourself.

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## Red Wines For Upcoming Autumn

**Gifft Red Blend by: Kathie Lee Gifford**

It's no secret that Kathie Lee Gifford loves wine. She and her co-star Hoda always have a fun libation in front of them during the show. The name of the wines come from her last name and belief that friendship, love, and laughter are gifts that should be cherished. Recently Gifford has said that she is willing to make room in her heart for someone new. At this point, it would take someone pretty special to wine to sweep her off her feet. Her busy social life and show keep her content.

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### **Baby Bear Syrah by: Kyle McLaughlin**

One could say that Kyle McLaughlin is aging like his fine wines. When not acting McLaughlin can be found focusing on making small batch wines in Walla Walla, Washington. It's his home state and he said that he was obsessed with wines from the region. The unusual name for his line of wines comes from a reference from Shakespeare. If you've never had wines from the state you are in for a treat. Washington is known for producing amazing Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Riesling and Syrah.

This is a special wine that should come out for a special occasion like an anniversary or romantic dinner. Make sure you have this one at home or a hotel so that you are close to the boudoir, it will give you the feels.

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### **Two Paddocks Pinot Noir – by: Sam Neill**

If you won't know the actor, Sam Neill by name, you would definitely know him if you saw him. He recently was seen in the frisky movie, Gerald's Game. Let's just say handcuffs were involved. While he has had a very successful career as an actor, he found that he had a passion for wine. Neill has been in the wine game since 1993. Unlike most celebrities who have a wine business in Napa or Sonoma, his winery is in New Zealand. He owns four organic vineyard spread around Otago, a beautiful region known for its luscious mountains.

This big juicy Pinot Noir is bold and full of body. It will be a delight on the palate of any red wine lover. With this

wine you could opt for a nice quiet dinner of lamb or steak or have it when you have your closest friends over. It's not a wine for so called friend, but perfect for your squad.

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### **LVE Cabernet Sauvignon- by: John Legend**

Legend teamed up with the very classy Raymond Vineyards to produce his award winning wine. The goal of the wine is to bring together classic elegance, rich complexity and modern soul.

It has notes of chocolate, blackberries, and oak. Let's just say that it's seduction in a bottle.

This is a wine that is all about spending quality time with your partner. You might even want to whip up a recipe from Chrissy Teigen's new book, *Cravings: Hungry For More*, and pair with the wine. It would be like taking love tips for Chrissy and John.

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# **Relationship Advice: Tips and Tricks for Successful Internet Dating**



Despite the horror stories you may hear, a recent study showed that upward of 84-percent of people who use online dating apps do so with the intention of developing a romantic relationship, rather than a casual hookup. What does this mean for those looking for love? You're in luck.

**Still, there are ways to make the task easier for yourself when trying to find that special someone. Here are some of the best relationship advice tips and tricks for internet dating to help you**

# find “the one”.

## Define Your Goals

First and foremost, you need to do some self-reflection to determine exactly what it is you want out of this experience. Are you sure that you want to look for a serious relationship, or are you looking for something casual? What’s important to you in a mate? What are some compromises you’re willing to make and some that you aren’t? Perhaps you’ll date someone with kids, but you won’t date a smoker. Maybe you need a [christian dating](#) site to stay aligned with your beliefs and values. It doesn’t matter what your guidelines are, as long as they are authentic to you.

Ideally, you should define your goals before diving into the online dating world. If that ship has sailed, however, it’s never too late to take a step back and re-evaluate your situation, especially if you’ve had a few negative experiences.

## Portray Yourself Authentically

While it can be tempting to choose a photograph of yourself from six years ago or one from the rare occasion when you’re dressed to the nines for a special event, refrain from doing so. Why? Because this approach doesn’t show the real you and it leads to possibly starting a relationship on a bad note.

If you’re a woman who spends most of your time outdoors, hiking through the woods and camping under the stars, then perhaps the photo booth picture of you as a bridesmaid with your hair and makeup done isn’t the right choice. Alternatively, if you’re a man who loves sports and has no interest in fine dining, don’t hype up your profile in attempts to tell women what they want to hear. You’re trying to find someone who will love you as a person, not as a

picture. Keep that in mind when crafting a profile.

### **Think About Your First Message**

The first message you send to someone will act as your first impression, so give it careful consideration. Messaging someone and saying “hi” is unlikely to get you far. Look at their profile and make a connection based on their interests to show that you went beyond the picture to learn more about them.

On the other side of things, consider your response carefully if someone reaches out to you and you are interested in pursuing something. Keeping things simple and friendly is the best way to go. If, by chance, you are exposed to someone rude, block them and move on without engaging.

### **Set up a Safe Meeting**

When you feel ready to meet someone, take precautions to ensure that the person is who they say they are and that they have good intentions. Start by looking past the profile picture and seeing that the person has an online presence beyond that. Next, schedule a long phone call or video chat so you can talk for real before making the agreement to meet. Anyone can be sitting behind a keyboard typing and sending photos. Verify their identity so there are no surprises.

When everything checks out, plan to meet in a neutral place where there are lots of other people around. Tell a close friend or relative about your plans and the person you are going to meet. If you ever feel as though something is amiss, don't feel obligated to stay out of politeness.

To have success in online dating, remember these three key takeaways: be kind, be truthful, and be safe. There's someone out there for everyone; you'll find your person soon enough.



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# Relationship Advice: Get the Birthday Gift Right



By Dr. Jane Greer

Birthdays are generally synonymous with hopes, cakes, and, of course, presents, but they can also be tinged with disappointment since there are so many expectations wrapped into this one special day, and emotions can run high. Sometimes the gift is perfect. For example, Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas celebrated his 26th birthday together this past week at a baseball game which, according to social media, seemed to be exactly what he wanted. A misstep with the all-important gift, however, can sometimes be the very thing that

sinks the ship, and can not only ruin the day, but can also breed resentment for a long time afterward.

**Whether you're dating someone, or you've been married for years, getting the birthday present right can be a challenge. Your partner has wishes you may not be aware of, and you might not be sure what to get. How can you live up to meeting their desires, and where do you start?**

There are a few things that can lead you down the wrong path while you are contemplating that purchase. To begin with, if you have not paid attention to what they have appeared to be interested in over the past few weeks or months, like the scarf she stopped to look at in the store window, or if you have missed their hints, like the massage he always says he would like to get, then you may have no idea where to begin. If that's the case, when they tear away the tissue paper, hoping to find something specific looking back at them but find something out of left field, your gift might be met with disappointment. Along the same lines, it is never a great idea to simply buy what you like or want with no consideration to whether or not your partner might feel the same way. Just because it is your taste does not mean it is theirs. If they say they want a sweater, before choosing the one you would buy for yourself, instead think about their preferences and previous choices. Similarly, you might see this as a good time to get something practical, why not? You really need that

better coffee maker or expensive knife. Here is another way you can go awry, though, since your partner might not appreciate that, and may be hoping for something more personal and indulgent. Finally, while some do like a joint activity to be the gift, as was the case with Nick Jonas, not everyone falls into that camp. Make sure that is okay before you take the plunge, since some might see it as encroaching on their birthday, which they don't want to share, since they want it to be only about them.

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For any and all of these reasons, browsing online or in a store can feel like a minefield that could blow up in your face at any moment. So, what can you do to avoid that? Begin by asking what they want in advance, even going as far as requesting that they make up a birthday list. Think about suggesting that the list have three or four items that fall into different price ranges. That way you can have options, and you will know that whatever you choose will be well received. Another possibility might be to take them to a favorite store and have them try on a few things. You can go back later and choose one or more of those items, and it will still be a surprise, but you know it is something they will enjoy. Finally, you can simply get a gift card to a store or spa you know they like so they can select what they want, going back at a later date either by themselves or together to make an outing out of it.

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Sometimes people are reluctant to make a present list because they think it spoils the surprise of the gift, which can be nice but not necessary. They also may think they are making it too easy for their partner by telling them what they want. But the truth is it is more about the pleasure and the good

feelings a great gift will generate over time. By helping your partner out so they know precisely how to please you, you guarantee a happy outcome, which is what matters most. The goal is to get what you want, it isn't a contest to see if your partner can figure it out.

It is likely that the way you give gifts comes from the way the family you grew up with gave gifts – in other words, that is what you know, and naturally you continue that pattern. The trick is to be open and aware of your partner's ways and preferences, so you can develop your own gift-giving protocol together. It sounds like Priyanka and Nick have been able to do just that.

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## **Relationship Advice: How to Cope with a Loved One Who Is an Addict**



By Dr. Jane Greer

When someone you once loved dies, it can be devastating, even if you haven't been in a relationship with them for a long time. If that person had problems, such as a drug or alcohol addiction, learning about their death can also be confusing and can conjure up all sorts of feelings including guilt. Ariana Grande is heartbroken over her ex Mac Miller's death, according to an inside source. The rapper was found dead last week after what is thought to be an overdose. Some people have lashed out at her, saying she should have done more for him. Others have strongly supported her, saying she did everything she could.

**Either way, it is a hard place to**

**be and it raises the question, when someone is in a difficult relationship with an addict, how much is too much, and when is getting out the right thing to do, even if that person might be in danger? Here is some relationship advice.**

It is never easy to end any relationship with someone you love, and if they are struggling with personal demons it can be even harder. Anyone who has ever been involved with someone who is alcohol or drug dependent knows how hard it is to separate even if it has reached a point in which staying seems just as impossible, and sometimes even harmful to your own well-being. There is a natural amount of guilt that goes along with any breakup, but when there are these added complications the guilt can be overwhelming. When a tragedy occurs after you are no longer together and there is a death or overdose, those feelings can take over, leading you to wonder if you “abandoned” them and could have or should have done more.

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The most important place to begin to reconcile these feelings is to recognize that you did everything you could possibly do when you were in the relationship to help them, and if you had remained it would have been to your own detriment. Acknowledge that leaving it was not easy for you. If you were able to remain friends, there might have been the opportunity to further illuminate that in order to have a better

understanding of what happened. So in that case, it might be clearer to you that there was nothing more you could have done, and that you simply couldn't continue to handle the struggle. If you didn't remain friends or stay in touch and an overdose or death comes as a complete surprise, remind yourself that you chose to end the relationship because it took a heavy toll on you, and recognize that you had no choice in the face of their continuing destructive behavior. Understand that there are limits to what you were able to do to help the other person. Ultimately each person is responsible for him or herself. Accept and respect that you made the decision out of necessity to invest in your own safety and happiness, that it was either sink or swim for you. Being able to see and do that is vital to your healthy self-esteem.

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Keep in mind that what you want to do is remember who the person was to you, what they meant and what you shared together. Ariana paid tribute to her relationship with Mac by posting a picture of her memory of him. Hopefully she has been able to find peace.

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# Dating Advice: Why Do I Attract Men I Don't Want...And Repel Men I Desire?



By Gillian Lee

In this week's *Single in Stilettos* [dating advice video](#), founder and [relationship expert Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to Duana Welch. Watch the video above and read the article below for some good tips in your dating life!



# Why Are We Repelling Men We Desire?

**1. Not right for each other:** Us women need to remind ourselves that just because you think you're attracting the wrong ones, doesn't mean you are doing the dating game wrong. Welch brings up the dating app, Bumble and explains that men loves this app because it shows that women show that they're sexually interested.

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**2. Showing you are available:** This one might sound strange that you're showing that you're available. But, Welch states, "When women pursue them, what they hear is that I am sexually available to you and please don't make a commitment to me because I am sexually available to everyone." People tend to send the wrong signals when trying to pursue someone, and this often leads to repelling people you desire.

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**3. Send proper signals:** On dating sites, make sure to have the guy reach out first. Have a presence on the site, and show that you are single, but let him do the talking! Welch states, "Men are anywhere between 6-10x more likely to reach out for that first contact than women are."

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# New Celebrity Couple: 'Bachelorette' Star Clay Harbor Is Dating 'Bachelor in Paradise' Star Angela Amezcuca



By Ivana Jarmon

In [celebrity news](#), there's a new [celebrity couple](#) in *Bachelor Nation*! According to *UsMagazine.com*, Clay Harbor and Angela Amezcuca are dating! Harbor confirmed their relationship via Instagram by posting a photo of the two and including the following caption: "What do the kids call it? Woman crush Wednesday? Well here's mine." The snapshot shows the couple embracing on Wednesday, September 5. He also took to Twitter, included the same photo, and said, "If I had a rose to give

she would get it. Every time.” Harbor first appeared on Becca Kufrin’s *The Bachelorette* season. Amezcua was first introduced to *Bachelor Nation* on Nick Viall’s *The Bachelor* season in 2017 and then starred in season 5 of *Bachelor in Paradise*. Best wishes to the happy couple!

## **There’s a new celebrity couple in Bachelor Nation! What are some ways to use your connections to find someone to date?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

The dating world is tough, and it can be hard to find ideal prospects out there. Cupid has some ways you can use your networking skills to help your cause:

**1. Happy hour at work:** There’s nothing like a enjoying a cold one with coworkers! Even though it may not be the best idea to date someone from work, you never know who may be there from outside of the workplace. Work friends often ask friends to come and tag along. So, there is every possibility that you might meet someone at a work happy hour. If you get invited, seize the moment and go!

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**2. Social media it up:** Check out what’s happening on your social media! Try checking out events suggested to you on your Facebook. You can also check out where your friends are going and join them. It’s a great way to connect, make new friends and maybe even get yourself a date with a lucky girl or guy.

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**3. Public transportation:** What better way to make a connection with someone than on a train or bus that you take every day? The subway or Metra provides a great opportunity to strike up a conversation with someone. There are all kinds of people on the train. Next time you see a person reading a book you like or happen to hear the music they're playing, go talk to them. You never know what may happen!

**What are some other ways to use connections and networking to your advantage when it comes to dating? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Dating Advice: 3 Things Men Wish You Knew**





By Gillian Lee

In this week's Single In Stiletto's [dating advice video](#), founder and [relationship expert Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to Cheyenne Bostock about three things men wish you knew but will never tell you. Watch the video above and read the article below for some good tips in your dating life!

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**1. Men Don't Like To Date:** According to relationship expert Bostock, "If there's two things that men value, it's time and their money." He believes that when it comes to dating, a man thinks it's a waste of their time and money. When dating, it's important to see that going out to dinner takes a decent amount of money, especially for several dates. Bostock explains that before the first date, find out as much as you

can about the other person so that when you do get to the first date, you're already invested. When you get to know her before the first date and already feel like you want to date her, then that date won't feel like a waste of time and money. You will have that feeling that they are "always wanting you around."

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**2. Food Is The Way To a Man's Heart:** Bostock said some men would tell their women this tip, but most women don't truly understand the gravity of this. For example, if your date is uninterested in going to an event you want to go to, tell him there will be great food and he will change his mind. Also, if a woman wants to talk to a man about something, a good idea would be to bring up food, instead of saying, "We need to talk." He will be concentrated on the food while you are concentrated on the talk. It's a win-win!

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**3. Affirming a Man:** This is the most important [love advice](#) out of all of them because it defines the difference between a boyfriend and a husband. Bostock states, "There is nothing more valuable than a man feeling like he's needed, he's wanted, he's valued, he's appreciated." There are many terms that you can say on daily a basis that will make him feel wanted such as, "I love you" or "You are important." Make sure you make your man feel good, because it'll make him want to stay and love you. Bostock explains that if you aren't the one affirming him, then there will be someone else out there who will.

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# Dating & Technology Q&A: How to Win a First Date After Meeting Online



*Question from Andrew L: It's easy to look good online. There's photo editing and time to plan what to say. When you finally meet someone in person after connecting online, there's only one chance to impress. How can I make sure a first date is a win?*

You have a match on your favorite dating app and the conversations online are taking off. You're up for hours talking to your match and find that you're both interested in each other. But how can you be sure to impress on a first date when you've already gotten to know each other? How do you make a successful transition from online to in person dating? Read [dating advice](#) from our [relationship experts](#) Suzanne Oshima and Robert Manni!

## **Dating Advice to Help You Successfully Transition from Online Conversations to a Killer First Date!**

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Online dating can seem like a major convenience for people that are too busy to get out there and meet people, but technology can be a setback when it comes to actually meeting someone face to face. In order to win that first date after meeting online, it's important to be the best version of yourself— both inside and out. When you're able to achieve that level of confidence and self-love, that's when the right man will ask you out.

Having high self-esteem, knowing your self-worth, and understanding exactly what you have to offer a man is key. If you believe it, then he will see it, too. You'll be on your way to that first date in no time! And if he can't see that an amazing woman is right in front of him, then he's probably the wrong man for you!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): There are so many dating apps and websites that today's singles often overanalyze things after making an online connection, sadly never scoring an actual date. When I was single and dating online frequently, I became comfortable approaching women online and responding to the ladies who contacted me first.

If I felt attracted to how a woman presented herself online,



I'd send a short note and ask an open-ended question about her profile. If she responded, I'd send my digits. If the woman was still interested, she'd invariably send me her number and I'd make sure to call her by the next day. I'd keep the conversation short and, if things felt right, I'd suggest meeting. This usually led to a first "date" over a beverage. After that first face-to-face meet up things either moved forward or went nowhere. It was that simple.

So, if you see someone you like online, be cool, but make your move. Don't overanalyze. Trust your gut, but keep an open mind. There are a lot of cool people out there just like you. Remember, dating is a fun sport. Good luck.

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## **Relationship Advice: Is It Too Soon to Get Engaged?**





By Dr. Jane Greer

When is it too soon to get engaged? There are so many considerations that go into making this decision, from practical issues such as having enough money to finishing a degree to living in the same place, to more philosophical ones like is there a proper timeline for true love? Sometimes people have to first deal with other commitments and responsibilities before taking the plunge. But what if you meet someone and know instantly that person is your soulmate, do you still have to wait? Some think the answer to that is no. Nick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra announced their engagement after dating for only two months.

**Quick engagements can be a sign that one or both parties are ready to settle down and feel the security and stability that comes**

**with marriage. However, there are a number of pieces of [relationship advice](#) to consider before taking this next all-important step.**

One of the biggest questions that comes up is, does it make sense to wait even if all the pieces are in place so that you can have more time to bring each other into the other's respective world? In other words, does having the inside track on your partner's life before you're all in add to the success of a marriage? Some might worry that the intensity of the high one feels when they first fall in love won't last, and therefore won't be enough to sustain you through life's ups and downs. If you do feel, however, it is enough to get you through, and you are seriously considering a quick engagement, it can be helpful to ask yourself why. Is it because you simply want to get married and crave the security that comes with that? Or were you disappointed by a previous relationship and now eager to move forward with someone who's ready to truly commit and get married? Or is it all about the person, that you have fallen so hard for one another, that you have become a part of each other's lives so completely, and there is enough compatibility, that you feel you want to and will be able to continue to make things work between you?

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Whatever the case, most people do find that the all-consuming, instant attraction eventually, and really inevitably, wanes. That's why a certain amount of time and effort is generally important to allow the relationship to solidify so you have the chance to really learn how to work things out together, and to see how each of you reacts to different situations. With time, you'll move from that googly-eyed stage where your partner can do no wrong, to eventually "sobering up," so to

speak, and deal with life – sickness, cars that don't work, endless bills, having to work late – as opposed to the euphoria you might be feeling when you first come together. In fact, the “honeymoon phase” can often last longer than most people think, in some cases even up to a year, but by the time you move away from that and into everyday reality where you need to be able to work together as a couple to deal with the nuts and bolts of each day, it takes more than rose-colored glasses to navigate the raging rapids. If you don't manage to build that strong foundation, it will only be a matter of time before your individual needs, as well as all the daily hits of living that create friction and tension, tear you apart.

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If you are in love, and if marriage is on the table, here are a few things you can ask yourself to determine if you are ready. First, do you think you are able to deal with your differences and compromise around them so you end up at a joint decision that feels good for both of you? Are you able to communicate and listen to each other, and ultimately relate to each other's feelings, so that you both feel understood? Can you problem solve, as well as work through and clear up your anger and disappointment so those feelings don't linger and cause trouble between you? Do you have empathy for each other? If you have these skills in place, then you are starting your life together with a full toolbox of important skills.

Nick and Priyanka seem to have found in each other what they are looking for, and have faith that they can continue to keep love alive. If you, too, have that trust in your partner then perhaps a short engagement can work for you as well.

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## Learning From Celebs: Clear Signs You Are In A Toxic Relationship





By James Helliwell

How do you define a toxic relationship?

There are many ways to do this; you can call it a relationship without love, without a future, without peace, without passion or without a number of things. The simplest way to describe it, however, is to call it a relationship where one or both parties is perpetually unhappy. We see this in celebrity relationships all the time on celeb news sites, such as our friends at [Fame Game](#), and *Vanity Fair*. The classic [Kate Moss and Pete Doherty](#) saga is a good example, but it happens to “regular” people as well.

**Recognizing that your relationship is toxic is a very difficult thing, especially to those within it. Here are a few signs to help you**

# identify it.

## **1. You fight so much, you don't even notice it.**

This is an easily recognized sign of a toxic relationship. Oddly, it is a sign often missed by those in the relationship. There comes a time in a relationship when you fight so often that the only fights that register are those loud enough to wake the neighbors. The best way to discover if this sign is in your relationship is to inquire about it from those close to you and your partner.

## **2. Either or both of you are keeping score.**

This is both an extension and a separate entity from the constant fighting. In this case, there might never even be a fight. However, any time an offense is committed by one party, it is immediately followed up by the other party listing all the previous offenses. Here mistakes become weapons that each party must stockpile so that they never lose.

## **3. There has been no sex in a while and neither of you misses it.**

This is a sign that most of us have already learned from watching TV, but it happens all too often in real life. People in this condition are quick to make excuses for why they have not been intimate in some time, most of which are hollow. The simple truth is that if a loving couple is ever together, there's little that can stop their lovemaking. And this is vital to their well-being.

## **4. You stop communicating; casually or intimately.**

There are two major ways every couple communicates; casually and intimately. A casual conversation between a couple is what establishes that they are friends. This is often mindless banter and joking around about any number of subjects.

Intimate conversation is what distinguishes them as a couple. This is when they talk about their emotions, dreams, struggles, and other confidential topics. Both of these forms of conversation are important to maintaining a relationship.

### **5. You find you are never yourself around them.**

It is normal for a person to change in a relationship. Changing allows them to accommodate their partner's quirks and personality. However, not being yourself is different. In this case, you only change when the other person is around or your partner only changes when you are around. Being yourself is a type of honesty and without it a relationship will never advance.

Every relationship will go through a rough patch, this is true. If you have noticed that your relationship identifies with one or more of these signs, you have a chance to work on it before it's too late.

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## **Dating Advice: What To Do When Online Dating Isn't Working For You**







By Lisa Smith

Although online dating is one of the most common ways to meet someone these days, it doesn't work for everyone. There are several [research-based reasons](#) why online dating isn't actually the best way to meet someone.

For some people, online dating is frustrating because it's so easy for prospects to present themselves in a way that is much different from who they are in real life. It's incredibly easy to portray yourself as a great catch and hide your bad qualities in the online world.

Others claim the bigger problem is simply that online dating presents them with too much choice which is too overwhelming.

Overall, many of today's singles avoid dating apps and websites because they are a time suck. It requires so much time to sift through the bad matches and find someone worth talking to. A great way to waste your time is by chatting with someone online for ages, only to meet them in person and realize there is no connection.

# Here is some [dating advice](#) if you're single, and online dating just isn't working for you.

## 1. Try Professional Matchmaking.

Working directly with a professional matchmaker is like having a best friend who is on a mission to find your Mr. Right. A matchmaker is a trusted ally who knows exactly what you're looking for in a partner and wants to find that person for you. By choosing to work with a reputable and [elite matchmaking](#) company, you'll experience what it's like to only be presented with desirable and appropriate prospects. A matchmaker will also help to remind you not to commit certain dating mistakes, and will basically give you a much-needed pep talk before your first date.

One of the greatest benefits of working with a matchmaker is the screening process. They sift out the inappropriate candidates for you, and screen everyone to ensure they're only introducing you to someone great. While online dating might overwhelm you with options and present you with an exhausting [paradox of choice](#), matchmakers effectively narrow it down. This saves you time and energy, resulting in a much more positive experience than online dating.

## 2. Get Set Up.

Getting set up by a friend who has a single friend can definitely work. It might not be as effective as using a professional matchmaker, because there is not the same screening process; however, it doesn't hurt to let a friend set you up with their single friend. If nobody is offering to do this for you, try asking a few of your friends if they know someone who is in your age group and single. You might spark the idea that there's someone great they can try setting you

up with.

### **3. Sit At The Bar Alone.**

Although it takes some courage to go to a bar by yourself, sitting at the bar alone is a great way to meet someone. Whether it be your neighborhood sports bar or a more upscale venue, sitting at the bar alone makes you approachable. You'd be surprised at how many people will chat with you, as it's not intimidating for them since you're sitting there by yourself. You might mistakenly assume that this makes you look like a sad person with no friends. However, it actually makes you look confident and esteemed. You aren't afraid to grab a drink by yourself, and that shows a sexy confidence. Patrons won't assume that you have nobody to grab a drink with – they'll simply think that you're comfortable being alone. It's a great quality to be independent and comfortable in your own company.

### **4. Work On Your Confidence.**

How many times have you noticed a beautiful stranger behind you in line at Starbucks, or seen someone who is totally your type in the produce section of the grocery store? By working on your self-confidence and realizing that you have nothing to lose, you might start getting comfortable approaching sexy strangers in real life. With the rise of online dating, fewer people are getting approached or flirted with in real life, and you'll stand out as being confident if you do this. Remember that the worse thing that can happen is a polite decline, which isn't so bad.

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# Celebrity News: Celebrities Knock Millions Off the Asking Prices of Their Homes



When a celebrity sells their home, it typically goes for millions of dollars. However, there's a rising trend in that celebrities are first slashing hundreds of thousands, and in some cases millions, off of the asking price first. Earlier this year, according to [The Observer](#), former One Direction member, Harry Styles, slashed \$500,000 off the asking price of his LA mansion, while actor, Mel Gibson, recently knocked \$2.3 million off his Malibu mansion's listing price. Often, a well-publicized celebrity break-up is the cause for the swift drop in price in order to secure a fast sale, but in other instances celebs just don't seem to want to hang around for a

buyer.

## **In celebrity news, check out more instances where celebs are dropping the prices of their homes.**

### **A quick drop in price**

Since putting their luxury New York City penthouse on the market, Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel have dropped the asking price by almost \$1.25 million. In fact, the couple seem so eager to shift the property that just a week after taking \$1 million off, they opted to drop the price further by \$245,000. According to The Daily Mail, the penthouse isn't Timberlake and Biel's only property. The pair reportedly spent more than \$20 million on a penthouse in the 443 Greenwich Street building last year. While celebs such as Justin and Jessica sell up because they require larger homes, there are others who stay put and opt to [utilize the money invested in their homes](#) by refinancing their mortgage and expanding their property.

### **Slicing off millions**

Demi Moore is another star who found herself slicing millions off her home in order to attract a buyer. Her New York property which was once home to both her and her ex-husband Bruce Willis, originally hit the market for \$75 million. Realising that the asking price was significantly over-inflated, it dropped to \$59 million. However, after 2 years on the market it was sold for just \$45 million. You might think that Moore would be disheartened at the 40% drop, but considering she picked the property up for a mere \$7 million, she still made a fortune from shifting the penthouse.

### **Asking over the odds**

When Harry Styles's pad hit the market for \$8.45 million, his listing broker justified the price by stating that renovations had taken place and that there was a strong housing market in LA. Despite owning the property for less than a year, it was significantly marked up compared to the \$6.87 million it was originally purchased for. This therefore begs the question whether celeb homes are purposefully overpriced in the hope that the agents selling them will make a bigger commission out of the sale.

Celebrity homes usually sell for a small fortune, however, it's worth remembering that many of them are over priced when they hit the market. Therefore, while, taking off millions might sound extreme, it's usually only done to bring the price back in line with similar properties.

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## **Divorce Coming Your Way: Five Signs Men Need To Watch For**





*Excerpt from NYC-based divorce lawyer Jacqueline Newman's book [Soon-to-Be Ex for Men: Preserving Wealth, Fatherhood, and Sanity during Divorce](#)*

The signs that a divorce may be on the mind of your spouse has the potential to show itself in different ways, depending on if you are a man or a woman. When it comes to men, signs may present in the form of financial shenanigans.

## **Here are five signs men need to watch out for when it comes an impending divorce:**

**Your partner is no longer Mrs. Chatterbox.**

You need to be aware and realize it is a bad thing if your spouse starts to shut down verbally. Is she beginning to no longer talk to you about her day or what is going on in her life? If she stops complaining, that can also be a bad sign.

**Related Link:** [Should You Date Someone Going Through a Divorce?](#)

### **She is always annoyed.**

Let's face it—you can be annoying (just as she can be). And therefore, she is often irritated with you. However, what is happening now is different. She is annoyed on a whole new level and all the time. This is not the simple “Turn the TV down! Are you deaf?” exasperation; this is the “Do you have to breathe so loudly and so often” line of questioning.

### **She has taken on a great interest in many things—except you.**

There is nothing wrong with someone taking an interest in a new hobby or venture. What is not normal is when one partner seemingly has moved on to finding a new singular interest, hanging out with friends you do not know, traveling solo, or otherwise engaging in hobbies that do not involve you—and furthermore, places no focus on even trying to include you.

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### **She suddenly has a new interest in the finances.**

If you have always been the spouse who paid the bills and handled the money and now she has taken a sudden interest in the family finances, it is normal for you to wonder why.

### **Indications point to the cheating component.**

If your spouse becomes really possessive of her electronic devices, is abruptly required to “work late,” suddenly has a ton of business dinners to attend, is more concerned about her appearance, or is even overcompensating when it comes to your relationship, you must pay attention.

Just because your spouse may be doing something on this list does not automatically mean your marriage is over. Try to understand what is causing your spouse's new or strange behavior. Remember to stay alert. It is always a wise strategy to become fully aware about what is going on so you are not shocked when divorce papers suddenly turn up on your dining



room table and your wife's toothbrush is gone

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## Dating Advice: Best Movies for Great Date





Let's say you are with someone you're dating at home, you like each other, but you both experience some shyness. In this case, an excellent option is to watch some movies together. The question is, which ones? Let's figure it out. To begin with, set aside vulgarity and rudeness. They don't promote a romantic mood, and instead, they push [single ladies](#) away. Remember one thing: the movie you choose will say a lot about you, and it will either help or hurt your cause when it comes to your love interest.

## **Here is some dating advice around each genre of movie to consider when it comes to dating:**

### **Drama**

One of the biggest mistakes you can make when it comes to movie suggestions is choosing a heavy drama. These types of movies can lead to tears and depression, which isn't exactly the vibe you want to put out in front of your crush. If you choose to watch *Titanic*, you may be in for a teary night.

## **Comedy**

When choosing a comedy, make sure to keep in mind a few things. First of all, check out the film's rating. You don't want to end up accidentally watching a movie with stupid jokes, obscene language, drugs, and murder. It 's definitely best to check into the humor of a movie in advance. The bottom line is that comedies don't promote feelings except happiness, which is great for a date.

## **Horror**

They say that horror and fear strengthen your sex drive. It's difficult to answer whether this is true or not, but the fact that scary movies typically bring couples together indisputable. Generally speaking, when choosing a horror movie, make sure to ask your partner first. It may be that your crush hates them, no mater how interesting the movie is or who she's with, so be careful!

## **Thriller**

Thrillers, like horror movies, can be called frightening. There's typically less blood and murder scenes in thrillers, but there lies suspenseful secrets and mystery. Make sure your partner is okay with those types of things before selecting a thriller to watch. In thrillers, there are no clear boundaries and they create intense emotions of excitement.

## **Adventure**

One of the best options if to watch an adventure movie with your love interest. Adventure movies debuted in 1981 when *Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark* hit the theaters, directed by Steven Spielberg. In adventure films, attention is focused not on the use of force and violence against heroes of a film, but on the ingenuity of heroes and travel. In adventure films, heroes often have to find an extraordinary way out of difficult situations.

## **Melodrama**

You'll have the largest selection of movies to pick from if

you watch a romantic movie, also called a melodrama. What else does she need to feel happy? A good, bright, kind movie about love a happy ending is a sure thing. A melodrama reveals the spiritual and sensual world of heroes in emotional circumstances on the basis of well-known contrasts: good and evil, love and hate, or joy and sorrow.

**Be sure you choose the right genre for you, as people are all different. What are some other things to consider when it comes to choosing a date movie?**

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## **Dating Advice: Most Common Dating Mistakes**





While some of us are great when it comes to dating, others may fall into the “beginner” category. Either way, each and every one of us has had to deal with dating and the issues that come along with it at some point. Just as with anything, the ins and outs of dating and relationships have evolved throughout the years. There’s no doubt that there are some drawbacks to dating, but in the end, imperfections can be beautiful.

**To get the most out of your dating game, it’s best think about possible pitfalls in advance. Here is some dating advice:**

**1. Poor communication:** In an era where messengers and ridiculously fast transportation are ubiquitous, for some unknown reason, people tend to forget how to communicate. It’s not enough to just have sex and spend a few hours a week going out or eating somewhere. Deeper conversations and even small talk still matter. Ask how she feels today, what she is up to,

or what she dreams about. If things work out, you may end up in a serious relationship or married. Can you be happy with a person you know nothing about? No!

**2. Online dating problems:** Let's be honest: issues with online dating are infinite and we could devote an entire book to it. But to name a few, there are online dating scammers, addictions to sexting and frequent rotation of partners. You can easily become picky and fastidious, changing partners like underwear. It's totally not okay, as you never build an emotional bond, which makes your relationship real and authentic.

**3. Rushing into things:** "Think fast" is really great for work, but when it comes to relationships, rushing into decisions makes very little sense. Predicting how people are going to act is virtually impossible, so take some time to understand your own feelings and whether or not your partner and you truly click. Many people make this mistake while still being in the initial stage of a romantic relationship when everything seems sweet and fine.

**4. Over-analyzing everything:** This is pretty common. People tend to pay way too much attention to that which does not really matter. Overall, "actions speak louder than words," as they say. The fact is, we're human, so at times we can be distracted, depressed, moody or just detached. Of course, you want to avoid putting all of the burdens of your emotional state on your partner's shoulders. If she doesn't answer your message within 30 minutes, it does not necessarily mean you're getting the cold shoulder.

**5. Not paying enough attention to sex:** This one may sound odd, but it actually happens (often times with men especially). They tend to believe that they have natural skills in bed, and there's no need for training and looking for better approaches. Moreover, there's a right and wrong for each individual. Sometimes, the simplest things in life are the

most complicated.

What are some other potential pitfalls when it comes to dating? Share your thoughts below.

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## Dating Advice: 4 Signs Your Partner Is the Right One for You



A lot of us get into a relationship only to eventually breakup. This typically happens because we end up picking the wrong partner simply because we are not aware of what we want

from life or we are not able to catch the signs.

**To help you make the right decision, our dating advice below includes four signs that indicate your partner is the right one for you:**

**1. You can talk for hours:**

It is important for partners to communicate with each other and talk about everything. If you struggle to come up with a topic to talk about with your significant other, then it is a sign that you are probably not compatible. However, if you can talk at a stretch without struggling to find things to say, then you more than likely have a sustainable connection.

Many couples just sit together, at a restaurant for example, but have nothing to say to each other. Such couples are typically unhappy, and it's not something you'd want to aspire to in your relationship. If you find it difficult to open up in front of your partner and your conversations are not a two-way street, then it may be time to call it quits.

**2. You love doing things together:**

If you love your partner's company and enjoy doing things with them, then they may be the right pick for you.

This could involve everything from dining together to watching movies together to going on trips. Remember that you do not need to share the same tastes to be able to enjoy things together. You might like action movies and your partner might like romantic comedies. There is nothing wrong with that, and sometimes opposites can actually attract one another. But, if



these differences begin to cause you to fight, then it's a sign of concern.

### **3. He or she makes you happy:**

Physical attraction aside, you get into a relationship because it makes you happy, but sadly not every relationship involves two happy people. Some can be toxic.

If your relationship only makes you unhappy, then it is not the right one for you. However, before you make a decision, find out what really causes you to be unhappy. It can be due to several reasons. For example, if you're married, think about putting together a list entitled "[thankful for my husband](#)" and bring to light what qualities your husband has that you are thankful for. You can do the same thing with your partner, and this will help you gauge if the fault is within your partner or because of you.

### **4. You fight, but then grow closer:**

It's okay and normal for couples to fight. Just because you have arguments, it doesn't mean you're wrong for one another. Remember that all couples argue. In fact, many experts believe that fights can help two people come closer, but this only happens when you avoid letting arguments change your relationship.

If you stop talking to each other for days after a fight, then it is a sign that you're not right for each other. However, if you can get along despite arguments and not carry forward the hatred, then it is a sign that you can work through things together long-term. Couples that forget about the negative things in life and concentrate only on the positives stay together for a long period of time, because they do not let the hardships of life affect who they are.

Consider these four signs when you're trying to figure out if your partner is "the one". The key lies in not being overly

critical and seeing how things really are. If the partner you're with makes you happy and you think you can be with them in the long-run, then it's time to give it a real shot.