

Dating Advice Q&A: Can Technology Make a Long-Distance Relationship Work?



Question from Jay E.: My girlfriend and I are about to be separated by an ocean and an 8-hour time difference. Technology has made it so much easier to stay connected, but how can we make it feel genuine in a romantic relationship, especially with the large time gap?

Long-distance relationships have been made easier by advancements in technology, but it's still important for you and your partner to find your groove and feel connected despite the distance. Let our [relationship experts](#) help by offering their best [dating advice](#) for using technology in the *right* way! Learn valuable dating tips from matchmaker Suzanne

Oshima and relationship author Robert Manni. Here, they answer your question about how technology can make a long-distance relationship work. Check out their dating advice below!

Dating Advice for Long-Distance Relationships

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): A long-distance relationship actually takes a lot more work and effort than a relationship where you both live in the same city. Because you can't see her in person, your only option is to connect with her through virtual forms of communication. While it can be stressful and lonely, technology offers a great way to make it through the hard times.

The great thing is, you both always have your phones on you. So texting is perfect for a quick flirt or to let her know you're thinking of her during your busy work day. However, texting should never be your sole means of communication. To keep your long-distance relationship going, phone calls and FaceTime or Skype are much better for connecting on a more intimate level. Try setting a regular time that works best to have a call. This way, you'll both have something to look forward to that helps make the time apart pass by a little easier and faster

And the truth of the matter is... When it comes to a relationship, no matter how "busy" you both are, you will make time for those things that are important to you! Sure, it may be difficult at first to get past the hurdle of the time difference, but experiment with your communication and never be afraid to try out new things.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Long-distance relationships are tricky, and unique. Technology helps, but time, distance, and presence are the key variables for potential success. Circumspection is a good starting point. Ask yourself the following questions: How serious is the relationship? How far away is s/he moving and for how long? Will s/he be close enough so you can see one another on weekends? If not, how long will you be separated? Is this a permanent move? How badly do you want it to work? And what sacrifices are you willing to make to keep things going?

It's great to be romantic, and Skype certainly comes in handy with long-distance relationships, but let's be practical. If your partner is moving to Australia for five years or more, the odds of staying together are less than optimal. If s/he has been transferred to the Chicago office and you're in New York, the odds of success are better due to proximity. The old saying, "Out of sight, out of mind" often rings true in these circumstances. Long-distance relationships can work, but listen to your heart and your head before committing yourself. Good luck.

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Dating Advice Q&A: Should I

Remain Friends with My Ex Online?



Question from Sonya M.: Facebook is the official/unofficial way of announcing a relationship. Is it too vindictive to unfriend an ex, or is that the right move when you enter a new relationship?

Social media is a fun way to share your relationship with friends and family, but if that relationship ends, the waters can get a little murky. Let our [relationship experts](#) help by offering their best [dating advice](#) for using social media in the *right* way! Learn valuable dating tips from matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship author Robert Manni. Here, they answer your question about whether or not you should unfriend your ex after a break-up. Check out their dating advice below!

Dating Advice for Unfriending Your Ex on Facebook

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When it comes to dating after a break-up or divorce, it's important to know that removing all traces of your ex on social media isn't about being vindictive – it's about moving on.

This is the last step at the end of your relationship, so now is the time for some “spring cleaning.” Daily reminders of him won't allow you to move forward with your love life, so remember the saying “out of sight, out of mind.” This will remove any temptation to cyber snoop or check in on what he's doing and who he's dating. All in all, if you continue to stay connected, then you're holding on – and this can hold you back from moving forward into another relationship.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Even though people have become too reliant on social media as their main form of communication, announcing a new relationship on Facebook can feel great and be validating. It's a nice way of putting something out there about yourself that you feel good about for the people you enjoying sharing with.

On the other hand, if you no longer have an offline connection with an ex and do not feel comfortable posting about your new relationship for them to see, it's perfectly acceptable to unfriend them. However, if you remain on good terms and they're cool, there is no harm in staying connected with an ex on Facebook.

There are no strict rules or protocol about this. Listen to your inner compass and do what feels best for *you*. Good luck.

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Dating Advice Q&A: How Do I Get My Husband to Disconnect From His Phone?



Question from Rachel S.: My husband is a general manager, so even when he leaves work, he's still working from his phone.

He doesn't mean to, but lately, he's been so wrapped in his phone that he ignores me when I talk. He seems genuinely apologetic and interested when I get his attention, but it's getting it that's hard. How can I get him to disconnect from his phone at the end of the day?

Technology makes our lives better in so many ways, but it can also be a distraction, especially if you or your partner has trouble unplugging at the end of the work day. Let our [relationship experts](#) help by offering their best [dating advice](#) for using technology, like your cell phone, in the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship author Robert Manni. Here, they answer your question on how to politely encourage your significant other to disconnect from their phone. Check out their dating advice below!

Dating Advice About Unplugging

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When it comes to technology, its biggest strength is also its biggest weakness: It connects us, but it also disconnects us from the ones that are standing right in front of us. Your husband may not be intentionally trying to hurt or ignore you, but in this age of technology and mobile phones, it's easy to get lost in multitasking.

My recommendation is to share with him how his constant connection to his phone makes you feel unimportant and disconnected from him. Then, just ask him to put away the phone on date nights so that the two of you can spend quality time together, uninterrupted by a flurry of notifications and messages. It's the perfect way to reconnect with each other emotionally and romantically after working all day.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): It all comes down to communication.

In today's culture, we are are tethered to work 24/7, and you may not be aware of some job pressures your husband is experiencing but not sharing. Getting him to open up about work may be a good way of broaching the phone issue.

Another angle is stressing the positives – how much you and your family value your time with him and how important it is for your husband to invest as much energy in you as he does in his job and his phone. A healthy balance between work and home life is critical to any marriage.

A third, wild-card approach is planning a night planned by you featuring some good old-fashion seduction. If that doesn't get him to put his phone down, you may have a bigger issue on your hands. Good luck.

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Dating & Technology Q&A: How Do I Get My Girlfriend to Stop Posting Racy Photos?





Question from David T.: I've been with my girlfriend for a long time. We have a great relationship, but she often posts suggestive photos of herself on social media, and it makes me uncomfortable. How can I get her to keep that part of herself between us instead of for all the world to see?

Dating in the era of social media can be difficult. Parts of your relationship that were once private can now easily be shared online. So what do you do if one partner likes sharing racy photos but it makes the other person uncomfortable? Let our [relationship experts](#) help by offering their best [dating advice](#) for using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship author Robert Manni. Here, they'll answer your question on how to ask your significant other to keep personal parts of your relationship (like racy photos) private. Check out their dating advice below!

Dating Advice About Social Media &

Racy Photos

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): I can completely understand why it makes you feel uncomfortable that your girlfriend posts suggestive photos herself on social media, but I'm guessing that this is something she was doing well before you started dating her. While you can't stop her from posting the racy photos, I recommend just being completely honest with her. Share your feelings with her and let her make her own decision about whether she wants to continue posting the photos. If she doesn't want to risk losing you, I'll bet she'll tone it down a bit, but don't expect her to completely stop posting those types of photos, especially on Halloween!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Millennials have little, if any, filters when it comes to posting to their social media pages. Whether they're on Instagram showing their fitness routines and progress pictures or booty shaking on Snapchat, it's all out there for the world to see. And for that reason, and if you and your lady share a clear understanding about your commitment to each other, I do not see this as a major issue. However, if you're uncomfortable with her sharing too many racy photos, ask her why she does this. Is it driven by self-esteem, competitiveness, or narcissism? Or is she simply comfortable in her own skin and wants to celebrate her good looks while she's young and beautiful? Tell her how you feel – because if you don't the world will be watching her while you wait. Good luck.

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Dating Advice Video: 5 Ways Women Sabotage Themselves with Men



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's Single in Stilettos [dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship author Robert Manni to discuss how women sabotage themselves with men and offer their best [relationship advice](#). Here are five ways that women sabotage themselves when looking for love.

Relationship Author Gives Dating Advice

1. You're not in it to win it: You may say you want to find love, but instead of going out to a new spot where you can actually meet someone, you find yourself in a routine of dinner at home and TV time. "You have to put yourself out there. You have to be willing to fail to be able to succeed," Manni explains.

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2. You're always plugged in: Put your phone down! If you're walking around New York City with your earbuds in and music blaring, you're presenting yourself as closed off and unavailable. It's hard for a guy to ask an open-ended question or chat you up when you're walled off through technology. Oshima adds, "Those are barriers to meeting someone organically."

3. You're not fishing where the fish are: "Go where the guys are!" the relationship author says. You can find guys are at sporting events, at the football field, at a tech store, at a whiskey tasting, or at the gym. Think about your brother and his friends – where do they often go?

4. You're always with a group of girlfriends: It's no secret that a pack of women can be overwhelming! Guys are wondering how to handle the group dynamics and just focus on the woman they're truly interested in. Instead, make it easier for them and single yourself out.

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5. You're too attached to your list: This is one of the most

important ways that women sabotage themselves. “If you stick too closely to your list, you’re going to narrow down your opportunities,” Manni explains. “And the longer you’re single, the longer your list grows.” Make sure your list only includes a few core qualities that are value-oriented and be flexible about your physical type.

A bonus way that women sabotage themselves with men: **You throw someone back in the dating pool too quickly.** One bad coffee date does not mean the relationship is doomed! “Love grows if you keep an open heart,” the relationship author says. “It can turn into something spectacular if you give love a chance.”

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Dating & Technology Q&A: Is It Too Soon For Me To Ask Him To Get Off Dating Sites?





Question from Adrienne P.: I started dating this guy a few weeks ago, and everything is going great, but there's one thing that bothers me- he still uses Tinder. I know it's early in the relationship and I don't want to seem controlling but I'd still like him to stop. It just doesn't seem like that'll help us advance forward in this relationship. Am I being unreasonable?

Dating in the era of social media and cellphones can be difficult. Having many options is something daters expect in case things go wrong. With so many people playing the field it can be hard to find commitment. However do not fret, you can have a successful relationship even if your new partner is still on a dating website. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on whether you should ask your significant other to get off Tinder.

Technology dating advice on whether it's time to give up dating apps.

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): You've only been dating him for a few weeks, so you're still in the early stages of dating where you're only getting to know each other and determining if you want to take things further with each other. So, it's a bit premature to ask him to get off of Tinder. However, I do recommend asking him what he's looking for, as you will then find out if he's looking to just date around or if he's looking for a serious relationship. Then based on what he tells you, you can determine if it's worth it for you to invest your time into seeing how things go with him. And if things continue to progress on the right path, then you can have the conversation about getting off of Tinder at the appropriate time.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): These days, daters like keeping their options open, and with all of the options available there's often a disconnect in how two people define a relationship. The only way to find out where things stand is by asking. Cushioning, maintaining side relations and a constant online presence are standard operating procedure. Tinder is generally viewed as a hook-up app, so if your guy is still active there and you want to move your new relationship forward, ask him if he's open to putting his digital dating presence on hold. If he really digs you, he'll agree. If he rejects the idea or skirts the subject, at least you'll have a better idea where he stands. Since you've only been dating a few weeks, for now he may want to continue playing the field. That's not necessarily a deal breaker. Guys often take more time to "get serious." Regardless, it's better to find out what his intentions are before investing too much of your

heart into the relationship. Good luck.

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Dating & Technology Q&A: How Bad Is It To Send Nudes, Really?



Question from Tanya M.: In light of all the Blac Chyna and Rob Kardashian drama, I wanted to ask on behalf of regular people: how bad is it to send nudes between consenting adults? It seems like it's so common in the dating scene now. I'm just not sure what to think of about the whole thing.

Dating in the era of social media and cellphones can be difficult. Communication and instant gratification is what many daters expect when they start seeing someone, especially when it comes to exchanging nude photos. With so many people partaking in voyeur, you may wonder if you should do it too. However if you don't want to, do not fret, you can have a successful relationship with or without nudes. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on whether you should send nude photos or not.

Technology Dating Advice That Gets Honest About Sending Nudes

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): What happened between Blac Chyna and Rob is something that can happen to anyone. While sending nude pictures is more common amongst today's daters, your body is your personal treasure and you should be discerning in who you send those images to. My recommendation is to only send them to a man who you're in a committed relationship with, and not just some man you went out on a few dates with. Because the reality is, once they leave your phone you have no control over where they may end up and there's no recall button after you stop seeing a man.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): In the wake of the current Black Chyna – Rob Kardashian drama being played out in the press, I strongly advise that you carefully weigh the pros and cons of sharing digital nude photos of yourself with anyone. Through the media we are now witnessing the pitfalls of how quickly a modern romance can turn ugly, and the ramifications of sharing nude photos even with someone as close with the father of your child. If you are really into a guy and he keeps hounding you for nude photos, stop and think about it before you hit send. When it comes to love I never say never, but unless you're 100 percent confident that you really know and trust this man, I suggest limiting the show to the bedroom or wherever you two get it on. Otherwise, the risks far outweigh the rewards. Good luck.

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Question from Carolyn S.: I've been with my partner for a long time now. I love him, but he's always posting inappropriate stuff (like memes or outrageous status updates) on social media for likes. It's pretty cringe-worthy to watch. Why does he do this? And why is my support not enough? I can't figure out why he needs validation from his peers or strangers online.

Dating in the era of social media can put a strain on relationships, especially when one party is constantly seeking approval in a negative way. However do not fret, crude internet personas should not be the cause of your breakup (or at least hopefully)! Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Learn valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here they'll answer your questions on how to handle a partner's inappropriate behavior online.

Technology Dating Advice That Will

Help You Deal An Inappropriate Partner Online

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Remember back in high school, how everyone wanted to be the most popular person in school? The one that everyone liked? Well, this is no different. Your partner continually posting on social media is just to get likes and attention from others. While you may think it's inappropriate, I'm going to guess that this isn't something that he was doing before you became a couple. So, as long as it's not harming you or anyone else, don't try to change him. Just let it go and focus on more important things in the relationship.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): As long as he is only fishing for likes and not other fish, I wouldn't be overly concerned about this fairly common social media behavior. Maybe he feels like he needs validation, and for whatever reason maybe he feels he's not getting the validation he needs at home. A heart to heart conversation usually clarifies underlying relationship issues. Have "the talk" and make sure he shows up with an open mind. Good luck.

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Dating Advice: What You Don't Know About Men!



On this week's episode of Single in Stilettos, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Robert Manni to offer their [dating advice](#) on how to figure out what men do and don't want in a partner. Learn how you can attract a lifelong partner with the following dating tips!

Dating Advice That Will Reveal Male Secrets

1. Want you to win. Men want to see women actualize their dreams in personal and professional settings. They're

supportive and want their partner to be happy when it comes to love. Don't be misled by aloof behavior. If you're both in a committed relationship, he cares about you more than you realize.

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2. Sports win their heart. You can really get to know a guy when it comes to sports. Most men are interested in some type of sport, so get involved in his interests if you also like sports. If you can't bring yourself to enjoy sports, then give him time to engage in his own sport-like hobbies. Don't limit him from things that bring him joy.

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3. Guys can't read signals. More often than not, men are blindsided by breakups. The reason for this, men are bad at reading signals of a strained relationship. Men aren't mind readers, so if you're unhappy, you need to express this at some point. This way your man can work with you to fix the problems you're experiencing.

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Dating & Technology Q&A: How Do You Handle Dating Someone

With An Internet Persona?



Question from Shan G.: My boyfriend is very popular online. He has a Youtube channel, many subscribers and followers, and a very active social media presence. Our relationship is still new, but I'm not sure how to handle this all. It almost feels like I'm dating a celebrity, and that I'm not on his level. I'm not sure what I should do.

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Technology Dating Advice That Will Help You Deal With Your Partner's Online Popularity

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): What should you do? Absolutely nothing! Don't treat him any differently or put him on a pedestal. He's just your boyfriend, who happens to be an internet celebrity. Trust me, he doesn't want a girlfriend who is also an internet celebrity, he wants you. Have confidence in yourself and just keep being the best version of yourself... the one that attracted him to you in the first place.

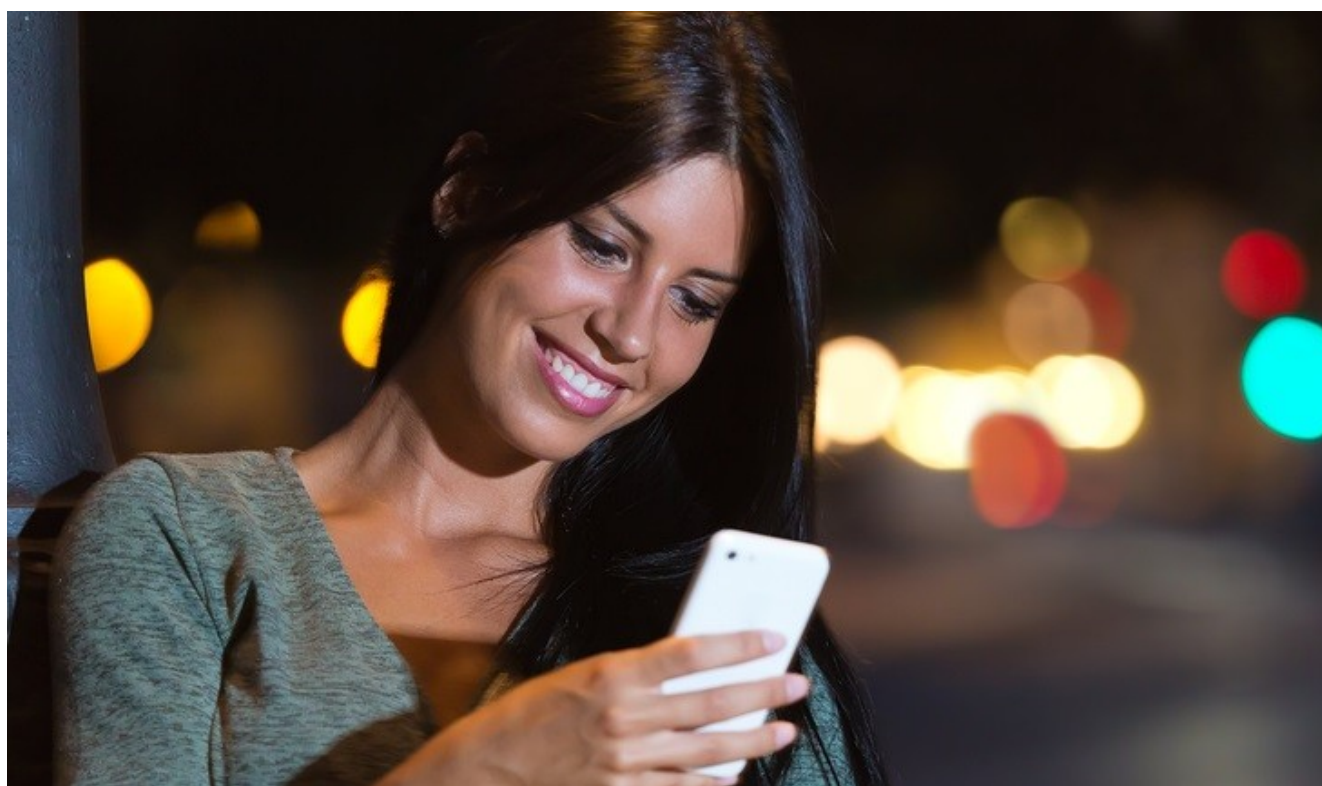
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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): As a published author, syndicated blogger, and podcaster with a growing audience on social media, I assure you that developing a social media platform is hard work and initially, not necessarily profitable. Building a personal "brand" requires passion, talent, and lots of time. So unless your guy has an inflated ego I doubt he feels superior. In fact, he may even harbor his own insecurities about his career and bank account relative to your own if you work in a traditional job. If you believe in him, support his dream, enjoy the ride, but never doubt your self worth. I assure you that if he has a good head on his shoulders, he needs you and values your support.

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Dating Advice That Will Help You

Determine Who Pays On First Dates

1. Whoever asked first. It can go either way nowadays, but the person who made the first move and asked for the date should be the one to pay. And since men are usually the ones to ask for a date, the responsibility of paying tends to fall on them. It's also a nice touch if a guy picks up the check on the first date for first impression purposes.

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2. Give and take. If you feel uncomfortable letting a man pay on a first date, then make attempts to contribute in some way. Picking up the tab on a glass of wine or treating a guy to movie tickets are nice ways to get equal footing in a new relationship. This sets precedent on how payment will be handled on future dates without the awkward "who pays" discussion.

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3. Be thankful. Nobody wants to feel taken advantage of, so say thank you after someone takes you out on a date. Men in particular get frustrated when women expect to be taken out and aren't appreciative. So mind your manners and show you're grateful when taken out. The same applies when a man doesn't show appreciation after you pay for a date. If he can't say thank you, you don't have to be with him.

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Question from Ashley M.: I have been with my guy for over seventeen years, we're both flirty people, but as of lately he's crossed a line with a particular person. I've warned him and have had discussions about this person he swear is only a friend, but the same thing keeps happening. I've offered him a way out, but he insists that he wants to stay together. I'm not a super jealous person, but I don't want to be

disrespected. We're trying to save what we have.

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Technology Dating Advice That Will Help You Deal With Your Partner's Online Flirting

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When you've been with someone for a long time, sometimes the relationship may lose the spark and excitement it once had. Which may cause one person to seek out the thrill of attention from the opposite sex outside the relationship, while still maintaining the security of your relationship. Try to revive and spice up your relationship with flirtations and sexy moves in the bedroom, so he won't feel the need to seek attention elsewhere. If he continues with his behavior with his "friend," then it may be time to try working with a relationship coach who can help you work through the issues at hand. And if that fails, then it may be time to move on to a man who only wants to flirt and be with you.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): It's time for "the talk". Seventeen years is a long time, so there must be a strong bond. But, over time little things become big things when they're not

addressed. You say he's crossed the line and you feel disrespected. He says she's only a friend and he wants to stay together. Something has to give. I say tell him to get his priorities in order. That means saying goodbye to her and paying attention to you. If he balks or shows any sign of hesitation, it's time to respect yourself and let him go.

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Tammy J.: The guy I've been seeing is nice, but I'm not sure if he's really "into" me. He's also distant and secretive so that makes me anxious. He hasn't gone public with our relationship online but he sends pictures of us to his mother. I want to think this is a good thing, but it kind of feels like he's using me. Could he be catfishing his mom? We haven't officially called each other boyfriend/girlfriend, but I think that's what he's been telling his mom otherwise.

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Technology Dating Advice That Will Help You Find A Catfish

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): It's time for you to first get clear on what you want and need in a relationship. Once you're clear, then you need to evaluate whether he's meeting your needs. If he is, then just share with him that you're confused as to what you are to him, and just let him clarify things for you. If he's not what you want or need in a relationship, then it's time for you to move on to a guy who is into you and is proud to declare you his girlfriend to everyone.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Unless you know your guy and his mom well, it's not easy to have a clear picture of their relationship. So, instead of focusing on something you have no control over, have a chat with him about *your* relationship. Since you are not sure where this new "relationship" stands, this is a good time to ask him where he sees things going with you. Don't pressure him, but get to the heart of the matter. If he's into you, he'll let you know. If he wavers or his responses are vague, you might want to reconsider where you're investing your emotions. I doubt you want to be with someone who does not feel the same way about you.

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Relationship Advice: Love At First Sight From a Guy's Perspective



By [Robert Manni](#)

Although some argue against it, there are studies that show the phenomenon known as “love at first sight” is possible. Partially because we are all connected at a spiritual level, it can be argued that people can actually “know” someone almost instantly, including if they are a good fit for them. But others say that we need to know someone through their actions first before truly falling in love. I think a

combination of those intense beginning feelings and the gradual reveal of the person melding with those passionate first impressions makes a case for love at first sight. Remember, modern dating and relationships can be tricky, so heed the following [relationship advice](#) on taking additional steps to validate our initial reactions saves yourself from heartache later.

Relationship advice for guys on, “Love at first sight.” Does it exist?

It's no surprise that men are more visually stimulated than women when it comes to attraction. Frequently, men mistake “lust” or “infatuation at first sight” for love, only to have buyer's remorse when the woman does not live up to their fantasies. But, there is a silver lining. Both men and women can experience love at first sight— it just might not be exactly what they expected. The discussions I've had with women on this topic reveal that for them, love at first sight is more of a process with layers that unfold quickly. Although they may not get an overpowering visceral reaction to a guy instantaneously; what he says, how he looks, his energy, confidence, and how she feels around him all create the possibility for love. This process occurs rapidly in a case of “love at first sight,” and can also work for a guy, especially if he has created the space in his heart for new love while also taking the time to look beyond a woman's looks. That's how it happened when I met the woman who became my wife. On the relationship advice of her sister, she signed up for a three-day trial on a popular dating site. She posted a late night selfie without any makeup and winked at me because she liked what I had written on my profile. At the time I'd been happily dating up a storm online and was going to take a pass. But, there was a beautiful simplicity about her in that photo,

and especially in her eyes. I studied her face and then re-read her profile. Hers was more of a “hey, this is what I’ve been doing,” instead of the many packaged profiles I’d seen that were built to sell. So, I decided to write back.

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After a few short emails we agreed to have a date night. We met at the corner of West 79th and Broadway in Manhattan. I arrived first and climbed the steps of a church so I could keep my eyes out for her. When I looked across the street the first person I laid eyes on was a very pretty lady in a green and white summer dress. I knew this was her, and I could not take my eyes off of her as she gracefully approached the church. I was pleasantly surprised because she was even better looking in person than in the photo she’d posted online. I met her halfway as she crossed the street and without thinking hugged her. She reciprocated with a curious smile. As we walked towards the 79th Boat Basin, I took her hand and she accepted mine with a welcoming clasp. All of this felt very natural. Was it love at first sight? Maybe. It sure was a nice beginning. When we sat down to eat she mentioned that she was a vegetarian. I wanted a cheeseburger, but for some reason when I heard this, I ordered something else. Afterwards we walked hand in hand along Riverside Park. When we stopped to sit on a bench, a former online date of mine roller-bladed past us. For some reason I took this as a sign that the woman on her blades was my past and the woman beside me was my present and future. And, I have not eaten meat since that day. Was it love at first sight?

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My wife and I have been happily married for six years now and are the proud parents of a wonderful little boy. So is love at first sight possible for men? At least that’s how it worked for me. As a relationship expert, this is how I advise readers

of my blog and listeners of my radio podcast when they ask questions. With so many wonderful available women looking for a good guy, it's never been a better time to be a man. But to make the most of this opportunity, guys need to follow dating tips that make room for love, and take a little bit of extra time to look beyond a woman's exterior and into her heart.

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Dating Advice Q&A: Is It Okay to Start a Relationship via Social Media?





Question from Alex O.: A few weeks ago, I reconnected with a friend from college on Twitter. We've been tweeting at each other since then and have plans to meet up this weekend. I feel like our flirtation is going to turn into something more – is it okay to start a relationship via social media?

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Technology Dating Advice On Whether

You Should Start A Relationship Using Social Media

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Don't even think twice about starting a relationship via social media, it's totally the norm nowadays to meet and date someone who you met over Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. In fact, I know several people who have met the right man/woman that way, and they ended up marrying! And if this relationship turns into something more and you end up getting married, you will have a great love story to tell all your friends and family about how you reconnected with each other over Twitter.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): It's perfectly normal to begin a relationship on social media. My wife winked at me online and with that one digital exchange, we met in person and have been together ever since. So, I highly recommend using social media for romance if you are mindful of who you are and what you want out of the relationship. In your case, you already knew the person from college, so reconnecting on Twitter was not technically beginning a relationship on social media. But, you are using your digital re-connection to move the relationship forward. And, that's great. Because, let's face it; no matter how well we text, tweet or craft our Facebook messages, a true connection can only happen when two people get together face-to-face in the "real" world.

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Question from Emily O.: I've noticed on a lot chat or IM apps, one of the first things guys ask for is a picture of yourself, even if you have a profile photo displayed or albums filled with photos. It seems like "Can you send a pic," is the norm now? Why is that? And why will some even write you off completely if you're not willing to send a photo right away? I'm not comfortable sending pictures of myself to strangers only 2 minutes into a conversation.

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fast. However, do not fret. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Online dating is here to stay, after all, so don't be afraid to jump in and catch up with the times! Take time to learn some valuable dating tips from Cupid's very own, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and relationship expert Robert Manni. Here you'll have your questions answered on whether or not you should send a photo of yourself to a potential beau.

Technology Dating Advice On Whether You Should Send a Pic Online

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): The **good** reason: Men are visual creatures, so they may want to see more pics to make sure you actually look like the photos on your profile. The **bad** reason: Men will ask you to send a pic and if they're looking for something more sexy, then it will turn into asking you for a naked pic in the future. If a man writes you off for not sending another photo, then thank him for eliminating himself. He's probably just looking for one thing and he's not worth your time... So, just move on. Next!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Guys are visual and they enjoy looking at photos of pretty young ladies; and there's lots of photos of good-looking women online. But, at the same time, men get spoiled and some even ask women they've barely connected to- to send more pictures. Unfortunately, sharing more photos will not move a potential relationship forward. My advice to any young woman put into that position is to politely decline. If the guy presses or asks you why not, consider telling him that if he wants another photo of you he can take you out to a nice restaurant and maybe you'll let him

snap a photo of you in person. The bottom line is that if a guy needs more photos of you to make a decision, or prefers looking at pictures of instead of spending time with you in person, he's probably not someone you want to invest your time in.

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Question from Natalie L.: I was seeing a guy a while ago. It didn't work out in the end since he was too immature, but during the brief relationship he said something that stands out in my mind today. He said he had been checking up frequently for months to see if I was still with my boyfriend at the time (and jumped at the chance to be with me once he saw I was single). I didn't think much of it then but now I see it was kind of creepy. How can I tell red flags from online dating ideally sooner than later to avoid situations like this?

Dating has always been complex dance between couples. Add our modern technology into the mix, and it gets even more tricky to find a partner who is best for you. However, do not fret. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Online dating isn't going anywhere, so let's learn how to date properly in this technological age! Here you will learn a few dating tips that will help you avoid online dating red flags before it's too late.

Dating Advice On Deciphering Red Flags Online

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When it comes to online dating, you don't really know someone until you "know" someone. If you rush into the first and subsequent dates, and then a relationship, then you may miss all the red flags along the way. So, it's always best to proceed slowly and get to know him. Dating advice I always recommend is to exchange a few emails, then move it to texting, then a phone call. Then if he seems okay, move it to the first date. And then as you go on more dates, really get to know him, ask questions and get curious. He will start to reveal more and more about himself. And with each step in the process, you will get to know him a little better and either the red flags will start to appear... or you will see that you have a great guy on your hands.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): This is a tricky area. What may have seemed like creepy behavior could have simply been be a young man waiting his turn for a chance to connect with a lady who sparked an interest. Or, it could be creepy. How can you know? And how can you spot red flags with potential suitors? There is no perfect method to address this common issue. However, deploying a combination of your intuition, common sense, and due diligence will help. When meeting a new guy, ask him for his full name. If he hesitates or gives you incorrect information, it's definitely a red flag. You probably want to Google him, too. If you have mutual connections, get their take on his character. You might also ask him his thoughts about dating, his likes and dislikes, and why he's single. If any of his answers seem shaky, it's a possible red flag. But again, your most important tool when deciding if a new guy "feels" right for you is your gut

instincts. Pay attention and good luck!

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Relationship Advice: The Guy's Guide to Dating Like a Man





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Who would have thought that writing a blog post on how to go on a date would be necessary in 2016? But, it is. With all the changes taking place in our hyper-fast-paced culture, sometimes the fundamental [relationship advice](#) that we take for granted is overlooked or gets lost in the swirl of changes. And with the long overdue recognition for women and their awesome achievements, modern men's role and subsequent behavior are in flux.

It begs the question—in today's ever-changing world, how do you act like a man when meeting a woman and going on a date? It seems so obvious, right? But, with all the changes, it's not always that easy

to find the right kind of relationship advice. Expectations and social behavior keeps changing.

But one thing that never goes out of style is being a man and a gentleman when it comes to dating. So, let's get started. You meet a nice lady, you ask her out, you make a plan, etc., etc., etc. And, if you do things the right way and the stars are aligned, you're on your way to a satisfying intimate relationship. But, we all know how many distractions and detours can get in the way of your pursuit of love and happiness. And, when it comes to dating, things can go wrong and get complicated real quick. Before you know it, you're back on Tinder.

Since it's August— the time when NFL ballers take reps and run sweaty drills at training camp as they prepare for the upcoming season— it's a good time for guys to get back to basics. So, please allow your Guy's Guy to lay out his step-by-step guide for meeting a woman, making a connection, going on a date, getting her home safely, and following up. You can take it from there.

1. Decide what you want.

Between your job, your finances, your outside interests, and your fantasy football prep, you have a lot going on. When it comes to dating, it's important to take a breath now and determine what you want out of dating. No judgments. You may only have time for hook-ups, you may be interested in finding a mate, or you simply want to meet new women while keeping an open mind about possible relationships. The only thing that matters is that you know what you want before diving into the dating pool. Most young bucks I know are not necessarily up for grabs, but they are open to offers. So they date casually and play the game from there. There is nothing wrong with

that. But for the sake of focusing this post, let's work under the assumption that you are interested in dating and open-minded about developing a relationship.

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2. Make your move.

Nowadays, women, and especially younger women, are more aggressive when it comes to making first moves. And as a result, it's easy for young bucks to sign up for a dating app, kick back, and wait for the honeys to come their way. And, it happens. In fact, my wife winked at me first on Match. This is not a bad thing. But, most women I have spoken to want men to be the hunters when it comes to dating. That means making the first move and showing a woman that you're interested in getting to know her. It's called the chase. And it can be fun and bring a sense of accomplishment when a guy pursues a new woman and scores that first date. And, by first date, I don't mean "hanging out" with a group of people. I mean a real, old school date. Amigos, I assure you that single women love going on real dates with guys they are interested in. It's called romance. And romance is a good thing.

3. Meet in person.

Many of today's singles meet online, and as a result, a flurry of texting ensues. But some fellas are studs when it comes to plinking the keypad on their phone, but duds when faced with engaging in a real conversation. Today's women want to meet guys in person, not just by texting. They want to check you out—your eyes, your smile, hair, your hands, your shoes, your whatever. And that's a good thing, especially if you are comfortable in your own skin and know how to handle yourself in social situations. My advice? If you are interested in someone, however you first connect, meet up face-to-face ASAP. It will save you time and psychic energy.

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4. Plan a real date.

So, you've met a young lady at a bar, online, through friends, however. And there is chemistry. Now comes the moment of truth. By way of hints she has provided, it's up to you to ascertain mutual interests and set up a real date. She likes tequila? First of all, you're lucky. Now do your research and find the best high-end tequila bar in the city, a terrific Mexican restaurant, or one of those "secret" cool spots where hipsters sample tequilas and mescals. Then ask her out, telling her that you'd love to take her to one of those places. It's that simple.

5. Dress for the part.

On date night, clean up as best you can. That means leaving the baseball cap and flip-flops home. If you are unsure how to dress, err on the more dressed up side and make sure you sport nice shoes and keep your fingernails clean. Offer to pick her up. She might prefer that you meet at the venue. No problem. You'll score points just by offering.

4. Pay attention to your date.

So, it's a sultry Thursday night in mid-summer. You take her to a cool restaurant where everyone is looking their best. And the women at the place are amazing. You're a guy so you're visually stimulated. Want to win? Remind yourself that you are on a date and keep your eyes on the lady sitting across the table from you. She is well aware of the other hotties inhabiting the space and will be clocking you to see how well you manage your inner horn dog.

Eyes front, young man, and listen actively. Make her feel comfortable. Stay relaxed and let the conversation flow. If it feels forced, try a fresh angle. It's a first date. You might be a little tight. She may be nervous, too. Whatever the case, enjoy the meal and keep it light.

5. Pick up the tab.

I realize that in 2016, most of the dating rules have been thrown out of the window. But for a Guy's Guy, there are a few unbreakable rules. Like this one: If you ask her out, you pick up the tab— at least on the first date. There is no middle ground, unless she insists on paying half. That might signal that she may not be that into you and does not want you to think that she owes you anything for picking up the check. In any case, offer to pay. Then pull out your credit card and smile when the waiter drops the check on you. She'll be watching how you handle this.

6. See her home safely without expectation.

Time for a nightcap? Good idea. Pick out a quiet, romantic place nearby beforehand. However, if she balks or says no thanks, offer to call her a cab or Uber. It might cost you, but you will score mucho points, and in most cases she'll find her own way home. That is, if she does not invite you to her place for that nightcap. If she does, that's a great sign, but do not push the envelope. She is showing you that she trusts, you so be a gentleman.

Whatever the scenario, I always go for a good night kiss. Her response is usually a good indicator of her interest. Whatever she does, respect her wishes and don't be too disappointed if she only shares a peck on the mouth and a hug on at the end of a first date. I've experienced this and having hung in there for a date or two, was repaid handsomely at the appropriate time. Good things come to those with patience.

7. Follow up.

You like texting? This is the perfect time to hit her up. If the date well and you are still interested in her, tell her you had fun and would like to see her again. That's all. If she's agreeable, hit her up again within the next few days with a suggestion. And, use the phone when asking her out. By this point, you should have this routine on autopilot.

Mission accomplished, amigo. Now, was that so hard?

Dating Advice Q&A: How Has Technology Changed the Way We Date?



Question from Sandy L.: I'm a recently divorced mom of three who is jumping back into the wonderful world of dating. I can already tell that things are very different than when I was last single! How has technology changed the way we date? Should I definitely try online dating?

Dating can be complicated. Add social media and electronic devices into the mix, and it can get even more tricky to find a compatible partner. This feat is especially challenging for new singles leaving failed marriages. However, do not fret. Leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer their best [dating advice](#) on using technology the right way. Online dating is here to stay, after all, so don't be afraid to jump in and catch up with the times!

Technology Dating Advice After Divorce

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Dating after divorce can be scary, exciting and challenging all at the same time. But wait, don't let that scare you... because while things have completely changed since the last time you dated, it's also a really great time to be single. Meeting men has never been easier, especially with the advent of online dating. And while it can seem a little scary to put yourself out there so publicly, online dating is actually one of the best ways to meet someone. Just put together a profile with great photos (men are very visual, so you need to attract him) and an essay that shows your fun personality and what you're passionate about...soon your calendar will be booked up with dates! And if you need more dating advice on how to get back into dating after divorce, you can grab a free copy of my eBook: "Dating After Divorce: A New Beginning."

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Technology has had a huge impact on dating, and it can be a great tool for meeting prospective partners. So, the answer is a resounding "yes" for trying online dating. Here are a few tips to help you get started. Before signing up for any sites or apps, decide what you want

from the experience. Save time, psychic energy, and money by limiting your initial foray into the online dating world by signing up for only a few services. Talk to your single friends about their experiences and ask them for dating tips in setting up your profile. Most importantly, don't limit your dating life to the online world. Meeting other singles the old fashioned way—through friends, at work, by taking a class, and just by living your life still works. After all, no matter how successful you are at meeting people online, the real chemistry test for a new relationship happens when you meet face-to-face.

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Relationship Advice Q&A: Is Liking Other People's Photos Suspicious Behavior?





Question from Valerie M.: I have been with my guy for a few years. I love him and he loves me, but we view social media differently and it causes us to bump heads. He “likes” photos of other girls constantly, especially if they’re half naked. I’ve told him repeatedly why it bothers me when he does this and ask how he would feel if I did the same thing, but he continues to do so. Am I being too sensitive? I know you can find others attractive while in a relationship, but letting the world know you like all these suggestive photos seems a little unnecessary and juvenile.

Dating during these technologically savvy times is a bit more complicated than it used to be. Social media has completely changed how people view relationships, love and faithfulness. Gone are the days when men used to open up a magazine and silently admire the opposite sex. However, do not fret, leave it up to our relationship experts who can offer [relationship advice](#) and dating tips that may provide comfort about your partner’s social media activity.

Relationship Advice On Social Media Etiquette

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Your boyfriend “liking” other women’s provocative photos is not only a bit inappropriate, but it’s also completely disrespectful to you. Especially after you explained to him how it makes you feel. He’s being insensitive to you and your feelings. Sometimes the only way to make him see your point is to give him a taste of his own medicine by doing the same thing with other men’s photos. If that doesn’t work, then I suggest you have another heart to heart talk with him and if he still doesn’t get the point, then I would re-evaluate whether you want to be with a man who doesn’t respect you or your feelings.

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[Robert Manni, Guy’s Guy](#): Although I am not a big fan of poking around my partner’s online content, you’ve already opened Pandora’s Box. And now you have to do something about what you’ve discovered. Men are visual creatures, but when a guy is in a committed relationship, “liking” scores of scantily clad women online is not a great idea. Since you’ve been together for a few years, you can most likely chalk this behavior up to “checking out the menu without ordering.” But can you be sure? You’ve asked him to stop, yet he continues “liking” these women. My relationship advice is to ask him to curtail his behavior one more time. If he is deliberating doing something that bothers you, his priorities are out of order. At this point, if he won’t stop... maybe he has to go. Your call!

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How do you and your significant other go about liking other people's photos? Share you experience or suggestions below.

Dating Advice Q&A: How Can You Know If Someone is Being Honest Online?



Question from Chelsea R.: I met a guy online who seems really great, but because I've been burned in the past (one too many times!), I'm hesitant to totally trust him. How can I know if

he's being honest online? I don't want to move our relationship to the real world until I'm sure that he's trustworthy.

Online dating isn't always easy, especially with "catfishing" becoming extremely common. Leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort while you date online.

Dating Advice: How To Tell If They're Being Honest Online?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): I completely understand your concerns about trusting a man you met online. As women, we always need to be somewhat on guard with new men, so we don't get taken advantage of physically or emotionally. However, that being said, you can also put up too many walls, where it blocks any man (including a good man), from getting to know you! My dating advice is to have a few email exchanges, then move it to the phone. If he seems genuine on the phone, then move it to meeting him in person in a public place. If he seems great and you would like to see him again, then just take it slow in getting to know him. If he's genuine, then his words will match his actions. And if his actions don't match his words, then move on.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Although trust is a critical aspect of romantic success, it's not easy to prove that someone is completely trustworthy online. You can Google a new guy and check his LinkedIn profile to compare what he's told you to what turns up, and if he passes muster on those sites, it's a good sign. But even that is no guarantee of his trustworthiness. Whenever we decide to get to know someone

new, there is always risk involved. My dating tip? After checking Google, LinkedIn and any other site, if you still have doubts, trust your instincts before deciding to meet him in person. After all, the most important person to trust is yourself. Good luck.

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Dating Advice Q&A: Is It Weird If He Doesn't Call Back After A Date?





Question from Luci M.: I met a guy online who seems really great. We went on a date and everything went well! We even planned our second date. It's been three days but he hasn't called me yet. Is it weird if he hasn't called yet? Should I call or text him?

Online dating isn't always easy, especially when it comes to the etiquette of calling back. Leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort.

Dating Advice: When Should He Call Back?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): It really depends on when the second date is planned for. If it's next week, then I don't think it's a big deal that he hasn't called you yet. But if the date is tomorrow, then that could be an issue. The most important thing to know is that if a man is really interested in you, he will pursue you. My dating advice: You shouldn't have to call or text him. He will call or text you and he will make proper arrangements for the second date. If he's not

calling/texting you soon after the first date, he might just see you as a “filler.”

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): When a guy is interested in a woman he's just met, he'll get in touch with her ASAP to see her again. Let's assume this one time there were extenuating circumstances that prevented this guy from contacting you. It could be work or a personal situation. There is nothing wrong with texting or calling him once. If he's interested, you will definitely hear back. If he doesn't respond, my dating tip is that it's probably time to move on.

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Dating Advice Q&A: Is He Hiding Something When He Turns His Phone Off?





Question from Charlie S.: I've noticed that my boyfriend turns his phone off at random times – during a lunch date in the middle of the week, during a Sunday night football game, etc. Should I be worried that he's hiding something from me? What's the best way to ask him about it?

If that moment when he locks his phone and slides it in his pocket is unsettling, leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort.

Dating Advice: Is He Hiding Something?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Try not to jump to negative conclusions about your boyfriend turning off his phone. Did you ever think that maybe he just wants to enjoy watching the game or lunch without constant interruptions with phone calls and texts from people? Believe it or not, there are some people who aren't as attached to their phone and need it on 24/7. So, unless you're seeing any other red flags or have any other relationship problems that seem like he's hiding

something from you, then I highly recommend giving your boyfriend the benefit of the doubt. Because a sure fire way to kill a great relationship is to accuse him of doing something he's not.

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[Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star](#): When your guy is turning off his phone at random times it most likely means he'd like to unplug and enjoy his time without a phone buzzing in his pocket. If he is turning off his phone during dates or quality time with you it means he wants to be with you without distraction, and that is great! If he was hiding something from you, he would be turning his phone off around you all of the time, not randomly!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): I suggest asking yourself why you believe your boyfriend's turning off his phone is a problem or a sign he is attempting to hide something. Many women would be thrilled if their boyfriend shut his phone off when he's with them. That usually means he is paying attention and more available for conversation. You may have trust issues with your boyfriend and believe his turning his phone off is to shield himself from other women contacting him when he's with you. If so, my dating advice is to simply ask him why he turns his phone off. How you gauge his answer will either assuage your concerns or bring the issue to the surface. You be the judge. Good luck.

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What's your best piece of dating advice when it comes to your

partner turning off his phone? Share in the comments below!

Expert Dating Advice On How To Handle Dating A Player



On this week's episode of [Single in Stilettos](#), founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks [dating advice](#) with relationship expert Robert Manni. Speaking from a guy's perspective, Manni provides dating advice on dating a player and how to know if you're looking into the eyes of one.

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When women think of a player, oftentimes they think they can change them, but Manni says otherwise. "I certainly think anybody can evolve and I don't think that it's the women's responsibility to change a man," he says. "I think you can lead the horse to water but he has to drink. So a man has to want to change and he has to want to change for the right reason. If a woman is there to support him in his desire to be the best he can be that's the best case scenario."

1. Signals of a player. On your first date, does he have something planned? Does he pick up the check...does he pick up anything other than his phone? Did he ask you out in person or over the phone, as in speaking on the phone? If a majority of your answers are no, chances are this guy is at the plate ready to bat.

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2. Get to know him better. As Manni says, "Text only gives you a portion of what that other person is." As a woman, you have to speak up. Tell him you want to talk over the phone, tell him you want to get to know him better. But don't demand it, put the idea on the table in a flirty, playful way. "Regardless of the situation when a man and woman first meet each other they have to take the time and prioritize the need to learn about the other person," Manni says.

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3. Be yourself. When competing against the model types and the

classic womanizers, the only way to stand out for men and women alike is to be your authentic self and to be confident in who you are.

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Providing guys with a guide to love in his book, Manni now offers women his best dating tip from the man's perspective: "The things that every guy seeks in women is somebody who understands him and is supportive of what their ambition, goal, or dream is. And if you can make the man feel that you believe in them they will be putty in your hands."

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