

Relationship Advice: How to Stop Dating Bad Boys



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Find yourself going after the same guy time and time again? You know the type: the guy who doesn't make you better, yet does an awesome job at stringing you along, but you have no idea where your relationship stands? Yeah, that can be confusing. It's like craving a highly carbonated and artificial soft drink. It's no good for you, but you want it anyway. Hey, no judgement here; however, while it's satisfying at the moment, it can be detrimental in the long run if you form a bad habit.

What do you do if you find yourself stuck dating these same type of guys over and over? Cut it off, and kick 'em to the curb. Here's some [relationship advice](#) to help you stop dating bad boys for good.

Realize you can't change him.

Men, or people in general really, aren't projects. While you may be able to teach him how to wash dishes or to turn the TV off once he's finished playing his video games, don't attempt to do a man-over, as it may not go so well.

Be with someone who loves you for you.

Just as you can't, or shouldn't, attempt to change someone, don't be with someone who wants to completely change you. Growth is no doubt a good thing, but if your significant other is trying to change your style of clothes, your friends and make you into someone you're not or don't aspire to be, leave.

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Be realistic.

If you're not happy with the way things are currently going in your relationship, especially during the early stages, that's a good sign that you should leave. If things aren't going too well now, don't assume placing an exclusive label on the relationship will make it any different.

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Make a list of what you want in a man.

Make a list of the qualities you want in a man. Do you want someone to take you on a [date night](#) every week? Write it down. Do you want someone who calls you to say goodnight instead of just sending a text? Yep, you guessed it ... write it down. Once you create this list, keep it handy to remind you of what it is that you'd like to have in a man, and make changes as necessary.

Step outside of your comfort zone.

There's nothing wrong with having a type, but sometimes going outside of your safety zone can be a good thing. If you've never considered dating someone who typically isn't the bad boy you'd go for, try it out. Not only does this get you one step closer to leaving the bad boys alone for good, but it also allows you to learn something new.

What are some ways you ditched bad boys for good? Share your comments below.