

Celebrity News: Hayden Panettiere Spotted Holding Hands with Boyfriend Brian's Brother After Drama



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In [celebrity news](#), Hayden Panettiere was spotted hand-in-hand with her boyfriend Brian Hickerson's brother. According to [UsMagazine.com](#), the [celebrity couple](#) fell apart when Brian was taken into custody for domestic violence in May after Panettiere had "marks on her neck" after the incident. A judge also granted Panettiere with a protective order stating that Brian was not allowed to come within 300 yards of her or contact her. Since then, Panettiere has been spending a lot of time with her ex's brother, Zach Hickerson, but this isn't the

start of a new [celebrity relationship](#). Sources for *UsMagazine.com* state that Panettiere and Brian's brother are not a celebrity couple or romantically involved in any way, and in fact, "they have been friends for as long as she's been dating Brian; Zach and Brian are close."

In celebrity news, we're wondering if Hayden and Brian's brother are involved as more than friends. What are some ways to keep gossip from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Hayden and Brian's brother are walking a thin line between just friends and celebrity couple. While your relationship may not be as public as Hayden and Zach's, Cupid has some advice that will help keep gossip out of your relationship:

1. Build trust: Your relationship should be built on a solid foundation meaning that you and your partner trust each other. It's easy to let gossip create tension in your relationship but if you truly trust your partner then the rumors and gossip will have no impact on your relationship.

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2. Address the gossip: If gossip or any potential rumor makes you or your significant other uncomfortable you should address it. Express how you feel with your partner without causing a fight. If you're both open and honest you should be able to address the rumors effectively.

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3. Focus on each other: Gossip and rumors may persist even after you address them. If they are still having a significant impact on your relationship then it is best to just focus on your partner as long as you two are on the same page. People will always find something to gossip about so as long as it doesn't change your life it's best to just ignore it.

What do you do if there is gossip going around about you? Let us know in the comments below!