

Holly Madison Says 'It Feels Wonderful' to Be Married



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According to [People](#), Holly Madison is in love with the married life even though her marriage is less than a week old. "Feels wonderful to finally be married," she tweeted Saturday, along with pictures of her husband, Pasquale Rotella. The newlyweds are parents to daughter, Rainbow, 6 months, and tied the knot at California's Disneyland September 10.

What are some differences to being married versus in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Many people don't see the difference between being in a relationship versus a marriage. Yes, both deal with commitment, but once you choose to marry someone, you're telling the whole world you're willing to give your all to make the special connection the two of you have together last forever. Cupid has advice:

1. Dedication: Once you're married, you're committing to a lifelong relationship. When you're just dating around, the bond you have with another individual can easily be broken or simply fade away. There's no escape routes with marriage. (besides divorce, but who wants that?) Exchanging vows with someone takes maturity and dedication, while dating only requires a physical attraction to someone.

2. Benefits: One of the more obvious reasons is based on what you can and can't get out of your romantic situation. When you're married, you can indulge in some special privileges such as joint bank accounts, tax benefits etc. If something were ever to happen to your boyfriend/girlfriend, you would have no legal authority over anything. It might feel like the two of you are already married, but the law says otherwise.

3. Living together instead of shacking up: Depending on who you talk to, an unmarried couple living under the same roof isn't exactly socially accepted. More and more couples are "shacking up" before they decide to tie the knot, but that doesn't mean the old-fashioned crowd isn't frowning down upon it.

What are some other differences between being married and being in a relationship? Comment below.