

Playboy Founder Hugh Hefner is Engaged

According to [People](#), Hugh Hefner surprised everyone this holiday season by proposing to girlfriend, Crystal Harris, while exchanging gifts with her on Christmas Eve. The *Playboy* founder then announced on Twitter that his new fiancé burst into tears when he gave her the ring. To clarify that he was actually engaged, he later tweeted, “Yes, the ring I gave Crystal is an engagement ring. I didn’t mean to make a mystery out of it. A very Merry Christmas to all.” Harris was December 2009’s *Playboy* Playmate. As Hugh Hefner is 84 and his new fiancé is 24, there is a 60 year age difference between the couple.

Does an age difference matter in a relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

Love knows no gender, color, religion or age. However, a large age gap can result in numerous misunderstandings:

- 1. Different life stages:** People tend to want different things out of life at different ages. When you’re in a relationship with someone significantly older or younger, your needs and wants may clash.
- 2. Energy level:** A difference in energy levels can be caused by many factors, but an age difference is probably the most common instigator.
- 3. Mutual friends:** Though you may be an excellent couple, it might be hard to find common ground when it comes to mutual friends.