

Dating Advice: How to Get Out of the Friend Zone



By Molly Jacob

You go to the movies together, you grab lunch all the time, and you two know each other's secrets. You want to take your friendship to the next level of relationships and love, but that's all you are – just friends. Sound familiar? If so, you may be stuck in the "friend zone." Being in the friend zone means that you are romantically interested in someone who just views you as a friend.

See what dating advice Cupid has to

help you get out of the friend zone!

1. Evaluate your relationship.

If you two are friends, there must be a reason why you two get along. You probably have similar interests or senses of humor, so you could have a chance of finding love in your friendship. But really take a look at your friendship and figure out why your romantic interest only views you as a friend. Does he talk to you about all the other girls he finds attractive? Does she tell you in great detail about all the dates she's been on? He or she may simply view you as a confidant, not someone they could imagine themselves dating. Dating advice: show how you can be more than just a friend! Show your friend a different side of yourself; it's always good love advice to show your best self to those you want to pursue.

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2. Say how you feel.

This may be the hardest but also more important part of getting out of the friend zone. You may think you've been dropping hints here and there that demonstrate your affection, but you can't assume that your friend knows about your crush unless you tell him or her yourself. Let your friend know that you have been thinking of them less as just a friend recently and more in the area of relationships and love. Once you admit your feelings, give your friend plenty of time to process your love confession because it may be a shock to them.

3. Be your own person.

So you've admitted your feelings to your crush and you're giving them time to process this change in your relationship. Don't let that stop you from living your life! It's known love advice that people are attracted to others who seem to be having fun with their lives, instead of waiting around and

being clingy. Go hiking with friends and go out to eat downtown instead of just waiting by the phone for your friend to call you. Show your friend that you have your own life, and that they'd be lucky to be a part of it!

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4. Accept your friend's feelings.

As much as you want to take this friendship to the next level, you two may just not be meant to be. Don't be upset if your crush doesn't want to date you – you may not be their type or they might not be looking for a relationship at all. Devote your romantic energies pursuing other people in your life and look for relationships and love elsewhere. Dating advice: don't get hung up on just one unrequited love. They're probably missing out by not dating you!

Have you ever gotten out of the friend zone? What advice helped you? Let us know by commenting below!

Celebrity Exes Andi Dorfman and Josh Murray Flaunt their Search for Love Online





By Meranda Yslas

On the latest season of *The Bachelorette* we all watched and cheered when [Andi Dorfman](#) chose Josh Murray to be her fiancé. Unfortunately, their celebrity love story didn't last long. Now, the [celebrity exes](#) are on the hunt for a new love and are showing it on social media. According to [Fashion&Style](#), Murray posted an adorable picture of his dog on Instagram with #mommyHunting. The reality star is also open about dating when she posted a photo of her new man on Instagram. Even though it looks as if the two have moved on, Dorfman still speaks kindly and optimistically about her celebrity ex. "I never say never," she shared, "I've learned that for a really long time, to never say never, but I think I'm really happy with the life I'm living right now and all I can say is I hope for happiness with him too."

Celebrity exes Andi Dorfman and Josh Murray aren't shy about

publicly displaying their search for love. What are three reasons exes should not openly flaunt their dating life in front of one another?

Cupid's Advice:

There's always the question of how long you should wait from the break-up to going back out and looking for love. Once you do start a new romantic relationship, are you suppose to let your ex know? Here are three reasons why it's better to keep your dating life away from a past lover:

1. It could look like competition: If it seems like you're purposely bragging about your new love life just to make your ex jealous, it may be difficult to start a real and true new relationship. Both your new guy and your ex will think the relationship is only for attention.

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2. Maintaining a friendship: Although some break-ups make it impossible for any form of friendship to last, that's not always the case. If you still want to have your ex in your life, it's better not to bring up the subject of dating and new mates. It's uncomfortable and can put a strain on the new friendship.

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3. Picking a side: If you two have dated for a long it is likely that you have mutual friends. If you're flaunting all over Facebook or Twitter about your new partner, your ex may

get curious and try to get the details from one of those mutual friends, placing them in an awkward situation. Rather than making your friends feel like they have to choose a side in the break-up or play the messenger between the two, it's better to just keep that part of your life private.

Did you let your ex know about your new love life? Share below.

Love Advice Video: How To Say Goodbye To Your Ex For Good



By [E!'s Famously Single Dating Coach, Laurel House](#)

No matter how nasty the break-up was or how badly your ex treated you, you constantly find yourself thinking of him and missing him. Don't worry – you're not alone! In this week's [dating advice](#) video, relationship expert and E!'s *Famously Single* dating coach, [Laurel House](#) offers love advice on how to say goodbye to your ex for good.

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E! 's *Famously Single* Dating Expert's Love Advice On How To End Your Obsession with Your Ex

Having an obsession with your ex and being trapped inside of the toxic cycle of wanting to get back with him is unhealthy. With her love advice, House stresses the importance of realizing that "it's time to unhook your heart from his." You shouldn't allow him to continue to have a hold on you or your self-worth. In order to find true love and happiness, you must break free from the vicious cycle by "removing yourself from the triggers that tempt you to go back." Once you do that, you will be able to experience a healthy and real romantic relationship.

For more relationship advice videos from House, click [here](#).

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Romantic Relationship Advice: From Roadkill to Recommitment



By Elaine Taylor

I am a woman for whom the relationship “r-word” had been “roadkill” more often than “recommitment” (not nearly as often as my almost namesake Elizabeth Taylor but more in the range of Demi Moore or [Jennifer Lopez](#)). So it’s surprising that I leapt to the assumption that “May is National Recommitment Month” was for romantic relationships. A Google search, however, led in a different direction.

Romantic Relationship Advice on the

Importance of Recommitment

Apparently, Recommitment Month originated as a time to look back on New Year's resolutions and reenergize (recommit to) goals set and vows made with a champagne glass in one hand and a noisemaker stuck between pursed lips. Recommitment Month is also an overused leitmotif commandeered by addiction facilities to hawk their pricey rehab gigs.

My only New Year's resolution is never to make one because I already know my commitment will be lip-service deep. I'm going to stick with what I, multi-divorced but now blissfully hitched, finally figured out about both commitment...and its scary twin, "recommitment."

My romantic relationship practices in years past have followed the basic animal kingdom model. I have:

- Been attracted to the peacock version of the species: tall, dark, handsome. Who could resist a nice tail?
- Gone for the all-too-common, unambitious, suburban songbird. He sits atop the feeder, happily chirping at the bright blue sky, waiting for Santa Claus to show up with the seed bag.
- Tried out a white-rumped sandpiper. It could be said that I was attracted to his breeding territory (San Francisco). It could also be said I didn't realize his breed was not monogamous.

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Recommitment? Ha. More than once I sprinted down the aisle – in reverse – to Peggy Lee crooning, "Is that all there is?" Not that any of my paramours had grim character flaws. They were perfectly acceptable husband material. Just not for me. At some point, I poked an accusatory finger at the mirror and confided, "With your track record, maybe it's time to

consider that *you* might be the problem.” So I went to an astrologer/psychic to ask if Peggy Lee nailed it: That’s all there was?

“Oh, no,” the psychic said. “You are destined for great love – the kind about which stories are written – but not until you’re ready.”

Seriously? I had a workout regimen and a classic sense of style, and I waxed routinely. What more did a woman have to do to be “ready” for a relationship and love? Ashton Kutcher came along with his tidbit of relationship advice – vulnerability is the essence of romance – a couple decades too late for me; I had to figure it out for myself. Even more scary, it became obvious that I had to be willing to be vulnerable with *myself* before I could be vulnerable with anyone else.

Over the next years, I spent time on the therapy couch, and I:

- Held my nose and, reluctantly, dived headfirst into my emotional dumpster.
- Dug to the back of the withheld-feelings closet – the one I had never dared peek inside because, yes, I had in fact stuffed it with an army of destructive memories and their full-dress uniforms: shame, sorrow, and self-denigration.
- Didn’t stop diving and digging until that dumpster and that closet were emptied out, spit-shined, and springtime fresh.

That was my first big step in making myself “ready.” The second step – and perhaps my most important insight – was to realize the one person to whom I had never even *considered* committing to – much less *recommitting* to – was...me! Of course not – that would be selfish! I was committed to mothering and wife-ing and bread winner-ing. *Me*-ing would have taken time from the ones I loved.

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My therapist asked if I included myself on the Ones-I-Love list. The question didn't even make sense. Wasn't it someone else's job to love me? The someone I hadn't yet met?

Focusing On Your Relationship and Love with Yourself

The therapist's answer came in the form of a question: If you don't love yourself – believe yourself worthy of love, deserving to be cared about and cared for – then why would that elusive “someone else” love and care about you?

Whoa! That was like a pistol-whip to the head. It left me stunned and reeling. Was she saying it wouldn't be selfish to expect from others what I was so willing to give? Respect? Nurturing? Security? To feel I had the right to the same “love-entitlement” that I accorded the Ones-I-Loved?

The psychic had been right when she said I wasn't ready. I had always hidden my vulnerability, never believed in my own self-worth. I worked hard to change. Soon after, the love – that someone for whom I had yearned for so long – slid right into my life. For more than a decade, he has colored my world with a rainbow of happiness and contentment. Never again have I found myself asking, “Is that all there is?” Recommitment – to him and to myself – is, at last, something I do most willingly, joyfully, and often.

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Season 11 'Bachelorette' Contestants Revealed!



By Emma L. Wells

For the first time in [Bachelorette](#) history, the men have the power...at least for for the May 18th premiere. 25 lucky lads will get to vote on which two ladies – Kaitlyn Bristowe or Britt Nilsson – will be the *Bachelorette* for season 11. Both women made their reality TV debut on last season of *The Bachelor* and are back again on their search for a relationship and love. After the men make the decision, the power will transfer back to *The Bachelorette* who will pick 19 of them to move into the house. And who are these special guys? See the

full list on [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com).

Bachelorette stars Kaitlyn Bristowe and Britt Nilsson will have their pick of well qualified men come May 18th. Why is it a good idea to consider your partner's occupation before starting a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

There are many factors to consider when deciding whether someone is a good romantic match for you. While you might be inclined to think that occupation isn't important Cupid has some love advice on why this factor shouldn't be ignored:

1. Time is money: Can your significant other give you the time commitment you're looking for? If you're new beau has a high-powered career that probably means long hours and less time with you. If you're looking for a serious relationship, then this probably isn't an ideal situation.

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2. Get down to business: No matter what the fairy tales say research shows that relationships between people with similar education levels usually have a higher rate of success. While there are always exceptions to the rule it can be prudent to look for a partner who has had a similar education and work path as you. This way you'll automatically have a better understanding of each other's situations.

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3. Work hard, play hard: Knowing a potential suitor's career ambitions can be very important. Are they up for a promotion that's going to take them to an office out of state? Are they looking for a job where they have to travel consistently? If you're looking to stay put then this isn't an ideal match. Minimize the possibility for heartbreak by making sure you and soon-to-be sweetheart have similar life goals and plans.

Is work a factor in determining your relationships? Tell us below!

Love Advice: Give Your Relationship and Love Life a Spring Cleaning





By [Courtney Omernick](#)

Spring is a time of new beginnings, fresh growth, and reevaluation. You may already have a spring cleaning ritual for your closet. So, why not have one for your relationship and love life? Cupid has just the love advice for you!

Below are some ideas to give your love life a spring cleaning.

1. Throw out your old activities: Many couples don't realize that they're doing the same activities over and over again. It's great to revisit your favorite past time every so often, however, things can get old after awhile. Surf the web for fun couple's activities and try a new one together.

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2. Become Reacquainted: When you're in the early stages of your relationship, you tend to ask a lot of questions to try and get to know the other person. However, when you've been

together for awhile, you stop asking those questions. As you grow together, take this love advice, and ask more soul searching questions.

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3. Plan a vacation: Even if you don't go on regular dates, planning for something that's further off in the future can be exciting. Planning a vacation gives you time to work on something together, save up funds, and take the edge off of the monotony in everyday life.

How have you given your love life a spring cleaning? Comment below!

Do Men Want to Date Younger Women? Find Out What Dating Experts Think!





On this week's [Single in Stilettos](#) show, matchmaker Suzanne Oshima and dating expert David Crowther discuss whether or not men want to date younger women.

Relationship Advice Video Reveals If Men Want to Date Younger Women

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Middle-aged women often think that men their age only want to date younger women, but that's not always true. According to this relationship advice video, it really just depends. If a man is going through a divorce and experiences a mid-life crisis, he may feel the need to date a younger woman to validate himself or make him feel desirable. If a man wants children, he'll be attracted to women of childbearing years.

As this dating expert explains, there are also men, though, who aren't going through a life change or don't want children and will date people closer to their age. For the most part,

men want to date someone within 10 years of their age.

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Do you think men want to date younger women? Tell us in the comments below!

Marc Allen Gives Simple Love Advice in 'Tantra for the West: A Direct Path to Living the Life of Your Dreams'





By Emma L. Wells

Marc Allen spent 30 years studying and practicing Tantra. Now, he has compiled everything he has learned into his new book, *Tantra for the West: A Direct Path to Living the Life of Your Dreams*. The relationship author explains that Tantra is a set of practical tools people can use on their path to happiness. His book is interspersed with expert relationship advice and anecdotes from his own journey to provide readers with a better understanding of Tantra and how it can help in so many different aspects of life. Not only is it a [self-help relationship book](#), but it also provides solutions to problems about work, money, aging, and so much more.

Marc Allen Provides Easy Love Advice in New Book

You say that Tantra is not the “yoga of sex,” like many people believe. Can you share a true definition of Tantra for our readers?

If you Google “Tantra” or study Tantric Buddhism or Tantric

Hinduism, like I did, it's a much broader definition that you could call the "Yoga of Every Moment" or the "Practice of Every Moment and Everything." It includes sex, but it includes every other moment of your life too. Don't get hung up on the word "Tantra." If it doesn't resonate with you, then pick another word. You can call it the "Magical Path" or "Creative Visualization." You can call it anything you want! The words don't matter, but when you look at every moment of your life as opportunity for growth and practice, everything changes. *That* is a direct path to real fulfillment and peace.

You touch on so many different aspects of life in your book: relationships and love, work, money, aging, politics, and more. Which subjects do you think are most important for people today?

I think it totally varies with the person and where they are in life. Certainly, romance is incredibly valuable. It's valuable to learn how to have relationships and love, and when you look at it through the lens of Tantra, you could say, "I'm on my own unique path through life, and I'm on a path that involves every moment of my life and therefore every relationship I have." Relationships are a key to fulfillment for peace, and if you work out your relationship, you work out the rest of your life.

Can you give specific love advice for our readers who are single and wanting to improve their love life through these teachings?

My best love advice is to learn how to work in partnership with everyone. Every relationship and love should be a win-win. So in intimate relationships, don't look for a lover. Instead, look for a partner; look for someone you can really support in realizing their dreams. That's what our intimate relationships are for. We're supporting each other in realizing our dreams, whatever they may be. The game in relationships is to embrace everyone you meet but especially

your intimate partners, saying “I want to support you in doing what you love – how can I do that?”

You’ll find when you do that, you get that back from them. If you’re in a relationship where your significant other is not understanding what effective partnership is all about or if you’re in a relationship with a person who’s trying to control you or, God forbid, abuse you in any way, those are the relationships to leave. If your partner doesn’t get that, then I would say you deserve someone better!

Relationship Author Teaches Readers Through His Own Experiences

You seem to draw a lot on your own experience when you are writing. Is it hard for you to put your own journey into the story, or does it just come naturally?

I sometimes think maybe I talk too much about my personal life, but people really seem to like it. My story is the path I know best. You observe other people, but by seeing them from the outside, you never really see the inner work that they’re doing. On the other hand, you know your own inner work – and it’s the inner work that’s important.

Once I did the inner work – by creating the life that I wanted and the company that I wanted and by becoming a writer, a composer, and a publisher – the outer work was simple and obvious. I often think at least 99 percent of the important work that I did was all internal.

If you had to sum up your book and what your trying to do with your work in just a few sentences, what would you say?

This book is filled with simple tools that lazy people, like me, can use. They don’t require discipline or getting up early. They don’t require anything daily. I’ve found that any practice that people have to do everyday never worked for me.

I gave up New Years' resolutions years ago – they never worked for me.

I spent four years at various Buddhist centers. At the Zen Center, we got up at 5:30 a.m., and at the Tibetan Center, we got up at 6:30 a.m. I left because they weren't working for me; I'm not a morning person. I need a lifestyle that recognizes who I am. The path to Tantra is all about looking at every moment and saying, "Every moment is my path." You could say, "Every moment is my spiritual path," or you could say, "Every moment is my analysis." The world is offering me all this wonderful free analysis if I just open myself up to it and see what is. You could call that the path to Tantra.

You can keep up with Marc on his website, <http://www.marcallen.com/>. Don't forget to pick up your copy of Tantra for the West: A Direct Path to Living the Life of Your Dreams!

Expert Dating Advice: How to Find True Love Fast





Matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Arica Angelo about how to find true love fast. Check out their [expert dating advice](#) above!

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Angelo believes that there are two pieces of love advice you must consider if you're ready for The One. First, you must come off the sidelines. Dating is constantly changing, which means you have to break out of your routine if you want to keep up.

And second, you have to be willing to take risks. If you're not meeting someone special, it's time to stop playing it safe and do something differently!

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New Photos: The Countdown to 'The Bachelorette' Begins With Britt and Kaitlyn



By Emma L. Wells

The countdown begins for [The Bachelorette](#) season 11 premiere and in order to get us even more pumped up for the reality TV show ABC released some stunning photos from a shoot with the

two *Bachelorettes*, Kaitlyn Bristowe and Britt Nilsson. People.com reports that Bristowe and Nilsson have ditched the usually colorful gowns we're accustomed to seeing on *Bachelorettes* and opted for some silvery grey numbers which fit the season's tagline, '50 Shades of Cray.' The two girls, who battled for Chris Soules on season 19 of The Bachelor, will once again face off for relationships and love in a two part premiere on May 18th.

Britt Nilsson and Kaitlyn Bristowe let their personalities shine through their grey dresses for 'The Bachelorette' promo shoot. How can you make a good impression and pick the perfect first date outfit?

Cupid's Advice:

Most people don't like to admit it but we often judge others based on their appearance the first time we meet them. That's why a first date outfit can have a big impact on whether or not someone asks you out again. Have no fear, here is some love advice on how to put together the right ensemble..

1. Be appropriate: The first thing you should consider when picking your first date outfit is what you're going to be doing on the date. Different outfits are more appropriate for dinner and a movie versus a hike and a picnic. You may have a great pair of sparkly stilettos but you probably shouldn't wear them if you and your date are headed to a street fair. If you don't know where you're going then try to pick a neutral outfit such as a loose dress or jeans and a nice top.

2. Be yourself: If you're the type of girl who wears jeans and

a t-shirt 99% of the time, you'll give the wrong impression of yourself if you show up to your date wearing your roommate's body-con dress. When you're picking your outfit select something that represents the "real" you. If the date you're going on doesn't really allow you to dress like yourself, consider asking him nicely if you can do possibly do something else.

Be on time: Being fashionably late is acceptable for a large party but not for a one-on-one date. It's easy to overthink a decision like this. Don't get anxious and wrapped up in your head. If you can't find the perfect first date outfit don't worry, just be sure to wow him with your personality!

What's your go-to first date outfit? Tell us below!

Dating Advice Q&A: Can I Blog About My Relationship and Love Life?





Question from Jenny T.: I have a lifestyle blog where I constantly post updates about my friendships, favorite fashion, recipes, and occasionally my love life. I started dating a new guy about two weeks ago. Can I blog about our dates and how I feel about him, or is it too soon to share those details about our relationship?

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Dating Advice from Our Relationship Experts

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): One sure fire way to make a guy disappear without a trace is to start blogging about your dates and how you feel about him when you're just two weeks into dating. It doesn't matter if you don't use his real name, no man wants to feel like everything he does or says on a date will be exposed for the whole world to see.

When you launched your lifestyle blog, you signed on to blog about your personal life and everything that goes on with it.

But he didn't sign on to have his personal life exposed too. So, my suggestion is for you to cool it with TMI about your relationship and love life on your blog, otherwise you won't have any dates to blog about.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Sharing intimate details about your relationship and love life with a new guy should be more discrete than cooking tips or fashion advice. Posting details about dates can make a guy uncomfortable, especially early in the dating process. Guys tend to keep their romantic lives to themselves, because they don't have the desire to share details and experiences like women do.

Typically they wouldn't mind you chatting with your girlfriends about your relationship, but posting things about the dates online can feel invasive to guys. This can be especially true if they learn how you feel about the dates or relationship by reading it online instead of you sharing it with them personally. It would be appropriate to post things less intimate, such as "great date night restaurants", or "fun date night outfits", but keep the personal details about your new relationship close.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Good writing requires guts and honesty, but in this case, I suggest a cautious approach. It's one thing to look back and provide insights from lessons learned from past relationships. But providing readers blow-by-blow details after only two weeks creates unnecessary pressure on the writer, her guy, and their possibility of succeeding as a couple. Would you want your audience to know all the details of your latest love interest as it's happening? I'd say, probably not.

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Would you blog about your relationship and love life? Share your dating advice with us in the comments below!

Expert Dating Advice For Finding Love After Divorce



By Amy Osmond Cook for [Divorce Support Center](#)

Fellow fictional vampires Nikki Reed and Ian Somerhalder just tied the knot in their celebrity wedding after a whirlwind romance. The famous couple began their relationship in the fall of 2014 when Reed announced she and her then-husband Paul McDonald were separating. By January 2015, the [celebrity divorce](#) was finalized and Somerhalder had popped the question. Now, the two are hitched and honeymooning in Brazil after dating for less than a year.

Expert Dating Advice for Finding Love

To some, tying the knot only four months after leaving a marriage may seem impulsive, but there are no rules set in stone when it comes to finding love after a divorce. "This wildly varies from person to person," Judith Sills, Ph.D, psychologist and author of *Getting Naked Again: Dating, Romance, Sex, and Love When You've Been Divorced, Widowed, Dumped, or Distracted* told Web MD. "Everyone ends a relationship by grieving the emotional investment. For some people, that happens before they move out. Others are still emotionally married after the divorce is final."

Based on the romantic photos that Daily Mail shared of the honeymoon, it looks like married life suits this famous couple. Reed seems confident about her relationship with Somerhalder, which is one of the most important signs of a healthy union, especially when her celebrity divorce from Paul McDonald was so public.

What are some ways you can tell if you are ready to dedicate yourself to a committed relationship after a divorce? Here's some expert [dating advice](#) to determine if you're ready to begin again:

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1. Feel it out: Stay true to your feelings. Allow yourself “a little time to think, a little time to grieve, a little opportunity to find someone else,” Sills says. Sure, Reed was ready to seriously date almost immediately after leaving her previous marriage, but that doesn’t mean you have to be, too. Do what feels good. If dating makes you uncomfortable, embrace that fact, and use that time to treat yourself. Eventually, your emotions will let you know when you’re really ready.

2. No, really, feel it out: Dating after divorce has shown potential to prevent depression in a surprising way. Dr. Karen Finn stresses the importance of human touch when it comes to maintaining good mental health. However, if the idea of becoming physically close with a new person isn’t appealing, Dr. Finn recommends to, “get a massage, become known by your friends as a hugger, get a mani and/or pedi, and hug yourself.”

3. Do it for the right reasons: It can be tempting to jump back into dating after a divorce so that you can claim yourself as “the winner,” the one who finds happiness with another person first. Unfortunately, that’s not the kind of motivation that will necessarily lead to a lasting new relationship. You wouldn’t want to get involved with someone who is invested in hurting their ex’s feelings, so don’t put anyone else in that position.

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There is no schedule in terms of finding love post-divorce. Most importantly, this is a time to rekindle the love you have for yourself! *Then* you can start hunting vampires like Reed, if you know what I mean.

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Celebrity Exes Jennifer Lawrence and Nicholas Hoult Reunite in 'X-Men' Movie Scenes



By Meranda Yslas

Even though [celebrity exes](#) Jennifer Lawrence and Nicholas Hoult are split in the real world, fans get another chance to see them together in the upcoming release of the Rogue Cut of *X-Men: Days of Future Past*, according to [E! Online.com](#). That's 17 minutes of previously-cut footage! The former celebrity

couple will make their appearance on screen once again, along with fellow co-stars Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen and Hugh Jackman to name a few. The celebrity exes also both announced that the upcoming movie, *X-Men: Apocalypse* will be their final movies in the superhero series.

Celebrity exes reunited! How do you know when you've moved on enough to be friends with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Going through a break-up is emotionally hard; feelings are hurt and the relationship and love is over. If that person meant a lot to you, you may still want them in your life some way. Here are some ways to know if you are ready to build a friendship with an ex:

1. You have forgiven: A great sign that lets you know you're still not bitter about the ending of the relationship is if you have forgiven your partner. If you are able to recognize that whatever they did to cause the break-up or to hurt you is in the past, then you are ready to reach out to your ex.

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2. Accepting what didn't work: Understanding that a romantic relationship between the two of you wasn't and isn't going to be successful is key when starting this friendship. You shouldn't be starting the friendship in hopes that there's a possibility of rekindling the relationship and love.

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3. You are able to date: If since the break-up you have gone

out on a few dates or maybe even have a new beau, then a friendship with your ex can be possible. It shows that you have completely moved past the heartache and resentment towards your ex may no longer exist.

How did you know you were ready to be **friends with an ex?**
Share below!

Celebrity Interview: 'The Real' Co-Host Jeannie Mai Shares Recycling Tips and Beauty Advice





Interviewed by [Lori Bizzoco](#). Written by Meranda Yslas.

We all know that, when we take care of ourselves, it not only makes us look good, but it makes us feel good too. And if you're single and looking for that special someone, that positive attitude and glow will project in everything you do. In our [celebrity interview](#) with *The Real* co-host, fashion expert, and reality TV star Jeannie Mai, she explains the importance of taking care of our planet by recycling and shares her best beauty advice for summer date nights.

Reality TV Star Jeannie Mai Talks About the Importance of Recycling

Mai isn't just promoting recycling for the sake of it; she's married to hunter and conservationist Freddie Harteis, who stars in the reality TV show, *The Hollywood Hunter*. Giving back by recycling and helping to keep our land beautiful and healthy for generations to come is something that is very dear to the celebrity couple. This beauty guru says that, for many, recycling means just throwing their cans in a separate garbage bin, but there's actually so much more

to it. She explains that recycling isn't only limited to the kitchen, saying, "Most people do know that you can recycle – that's fair bones. But other people don't realize you can recycle many things that happen to be in your bathroom. Today, most Americans have at least eight bottles of plastic in their bathroom." All that plastic could be used and recycled in many different ways, but unfortunately, it's ending up in the trash.

The reality TV star goes on to say, "I think that, once people are educated about it [recycling] and when they see the difference it makes, when they see what it does to relieve the amount of waste in the landfills, it will make people feel differently," she shares. Mai goes on to explain that "there are 29 million tons of plastic that end up in landfills every single year, just because we're not aware."

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Beauty Advice for Summer Date Nights

As host of the Style Network's *How Do I Look?* and digital correspondent for NBC's *Fashion Star*, Mai not only knows how beautiful it is to recycle, but she knows what women can do to look their best when it comes to date night too. Here, she gives us her best three tips:

1. Take care of your skin: "When it comes to the way that you feel and the way that you look, your skin is everything," she says. "It's what your guy feels; it's what he's looking at; and it's the way that your expression glows on top of the beautiful skin on your face."

2. Consider the lighting: The daytime host warns, "God knows what kind of lighting you're going to walk into in that coffee shop or restaurant or wherever you're going to meet your guy!

So I always focus on having a good highlighter. I love a good powder that's a little pigmented, like either a gold or a tawny bronze, just to highlight the planes of your face so that your skin shines and has that luminescent glow."

3. Create angel eyes: "Take a quarter-lash and just stick it on the very ends of your eye lashes so that your eyes project a beautiful, soft bedroom eye," the beauty expert explains. "It's super easy, and you don't need much makeup at all to apply them."

Exclusive Celebrity Interview: Behind-the-Scenes with *The Real*

When Mai isn't out recycling or working on her fashion segments, she is one of the five hosts on the talk show *The Real*. "Every single day before the show, we pray that the women who are watching feel like we are their girlfriends," she reveals in our celebrity interview. "It's loud; it's exciting; it's energizing; and it's funny."

The other hosts are celebs Tamar Braxton, Tamera Mowry-Housley, Loni Love, and Adrienne Bailon. The *Fashion Star* correspondent shares, "I'm learning something new about the ladies everyday. These ladies are ladies I want to know and learn more about. I want to become more like them in different ways. It's so cool to be a part of a group of women that are just awesome in every way."

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It's not surprising, then, that Mai has created strong relationships with her fellow co-hosts. "I'm close to all of them for different reasons. If I want to talk about spirituality and motherhood or if I have questions, Tamar and Tamara are really helpful to me. Tamar also helps me to stand

up for myself. Sometimes, I have problems voicing my opinion if I'm afraid it's going to hurt someone's feelings. She helps me with that – to be able to just be real and know that it comes from a good place,” she candidly says. “Lonnie helps me laugh; she makes everything brighter every day. Adrienne is that girl who teaches me to have fun and party and have a good time because she does that all the time.”

To get people more conscious and excited about recycling, Mai is promoting a giveaway hosted by Unilever. To enter the giveaway, contestants just have to take their picture and post it on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtags **#reimaginethat** and **#sweeps**. “All they have to do is take a picture of how they recycle,” she says. “It can be in their bathroom – that’s where I took mine that I put up on Instagram. It can be anywhere – by your recycling bins or by your plastic containers.”

To keep up with Jeannie Mai, you can follow her on Twitter @JeannieMai. For more information regarding the giveaway, check out Unilever’s website, <https://brightfuture.unilever.com/>.

Dating Advice: How To Get Noticed on Dating Sites





By Molly Jacob

We know that dating can be hard, tiring, and disappointing. That's why online dating sites can be a great solution to get you out of a relationships and love style rut. More and more people are finding these sites to be successful in helping them find happy, fulfilling relationships. In fact, a study found that one-third of U.S. marriages today started with online dating.

Whether you're on OkCupid, Match.com, eHarmony, or JDate, see what love advice Cupid has to get you noticed on dating sites!

1. Make your profile photo stand out: The photo of you on your profile is the first thing that people see. While we'd like to believe that looks aren't everything with relationships and love, first impressions can be important. In your photo, you should look your best, have a genuine smile, and be alone in

the photo (no pets or other people). While some may be tempted to Photoshop or otherwise alter their appearance, this can lead to an awkward first date if you look different than what your romantic interest expected you to look like!

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2. Be specific in your wording: There are thousands of dating site profiles out there, and you want to be unique and eye-catching when someone takes the time to read your profile. When you answer questions or write your profile, don't use overdone words like "fun-loving" or "outgoing." Instead, give examples to demonstrate your best qualities. You're not just "fun-loving," you travel around your state to find and ride the tallest and scariest roller coasters. Dating advice: if you're specific about what you like to do, someone on the site has a better idea of the kind of date they should ask you out on.

3. Update your profile often: If someone were to come across your profile and saw outdated photos and information about yourself, they might assume that you're not active on the site and won't bother pursuing you. Consistently add the new books you've read, the movies you've seen, and the concerts you've been to. Sometimes it may seem difficult or useless to be constantly updating your profile if you are not finding a lot of success or getting asked out on dates, but our love advice is to never give up on finding love!

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4. Proofread, proofread, proofread: Did you know that 43% of online daters think poor grammar is a major turn-off? Don't let something as silly as using the incorrect form of "your" hurt your chances of finding relationships and love! If you're not a grammar fiend, have a friend who is look over your profile for you and let you know if they see any mistakes.

5. Target your approach: So you've made your profile and

you're ready to get active on your dating site. Someone's profile catches your eye, but before you message them, personalize how you approach them. Don't just say, "I liked your profile." Mention something specific, such as, "I also love Indian food and have been dying to try the new restaurant downtown!" Everyone wants to feel special and noticed, so make them feel that way. Our most important dating advice: put yourself out there! Even if you're used to other people making the first move, you never know what good could come out of one message.

Have you used online dating sites? What tips and tricks do you have? Share in the comments section below!

Relationship Movie 'Playing It Cool' Features a Loveless Chris Evans





By [Courtney Omernick](#)

In the new relationship movie *Playing It Cool*, a screenwriter (Chris Evans) is having a hard time writing a romantic comedy because he doesn't believe in [relationships and love](#). One evening, at a charity banquet, he meets "her" (Michelle Monaghan), and the rest is history.

Check out Cupid's relationship movie review of *Playing it Cool*, which hits theaters May 8th!

Should you see it:

This relationship movie can definitely be categorized as a chick flick. If that's what you're looking to see, then look no further than *Playing It Cool*. This movie is also packed with amazing actors such as Chris Evans, Michelle Monaghan, and more!

Who to take:

This film would be great to see with your friends or significant other.

How can you bounce back after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

As explained in the movie, Chris Evans' character has a hard time with relationships and love because his mother abandoned him as a young boy. If you've ever gone through a break-up, it can feel just like abandonment. Sometimes, a breakup can leave you wanting nothing more than to wallow in your bed with a tub of ice cream. Don't worry! Cupid is here to give you advice for bouncing back:

1. Invest in yourself: Now that you will probably be spending more quality time alone, don't view it as being lonely. Take this opportunity to rekindle an old passion or see the world!

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2. Seek support: If you're having a hard time going through life alone, reach out to friends and family. Nothing beats a good weekend with those who really "get" you.

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3. Give back: Just when you think your life is awful, there is someone out there going through a much harder time. It's important to focus on your growth as a person during this time period. One way you can do that is through volunteer work, mentoring, etc.

How have you bounced back after a break-up? Comment below!

Relationship Advice: 11 Steps to Finding a Husband Online



By Rajiv Satyal

I know how you can do it. Because that's how my fiancée got me.

1. Availability: A lot of us want the fairytale spotted-across-a-crowded-room-sweep-us-off-our-feet story (yes, men, too), but you've got real life to let it happen. A great piece of relationship advice is, don't leave the biggest decision of your life to chance. Get online and make it happen.

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2. Context: I was on several online dating sites: Match, eHarmony, Coffee Meets Bagel, and OkCupid (where we met). I was also on Shaadi.com (the Indian JDate). Sure, every now and then, you find a white girl on there and wonder, “Is she lost?” But OkC has that cool factor. And that’s where she was.

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3. Name: Her handle was “calvinnhobs,” which was quirky and silly. Try to avoid too-common interests like FoodGirl and TravelLady. Everyone likes food and travel. Share something specific to you personally.

4. Visuals: Distant shots or only of your eyes don’t tell me much. It’s like a university guidebook. The pretty ones showed their campuses. The not-so-pretty ones had, like, a closeup shot of a brick. Don’t be shy.

5. Growth: OK, I know this can sound condescending but... she had some grammatical errors in her profile. I’m a total grammar geek, so it told me I could bring something to the table. It’s kind of like how women view a man who can’t quite dress – she can’t wait to take him shopping. If this seems too nitpicking, welcome to online dating.

6. Mother Figure: Couples will do lots of things together. But for couples who want them, the single biggest thing we’ll do is raise kids. As such, I’m looking for a mother. I search for clues to determine whether you’re a caretaker/caregiver. “I enjoy helping others through volunteering and teaching... I always enjoy a good night cooking a great meal... Things I could never do without: Family.” Boom.

7. Specificity: She painted the picture of who she was. “I love all things science too, so if you can stand someone talking about the latest cholesterol guidelines, the latest

pics from the Mars rover, and even the effects of global warming over coffee...you are very cool!"

8. Outreach: I was touched and flattered that she messaged me first, especially since she was in Texas and I was in California. I'd gotten to the point that I'd also increased my radius to the max: the options are something like 25 miles, 50 miles, 100 miles, desperate.

9. Humor: She was funny, using words like "snazzy" to describe my shoes, quotes from standup comedians, funny capitalizations. Little things, victimless humor. Expose your fun side, but save the really edgy comebacks for when we know each other. We're looking for life partners, not bowling buddies.

10. Patience: She messaged me on April 30. I didn't respond until May 14 as I was traveling. OK, so the first few days were my trying to play the game. But after that, I really did get busy. And what did she do? She waited. My love advice is, people who write you RIGHT BACK come off as needy. Almost everybody says, "I don't want any drama." I don't think that's true. No drama at all is boring. We all want a little – but just a little. And after she and I sent several messages back and forth, I asked her for her phone number, and we were offline.

11. Commitment: Within six months, we were engaged. I actually proposed to her when opening for Kevin Nealon. At that point, we figured it was probably time to disable our OkC profiles. I sent her one last note. And she replied – after a day.

Yesterday – 11:01am

Wow. So, I don't normally do this kind of thing. But you're really cute. I'd totally, like, marry you or something.

Today – 6:50am

You're kinda cute too, I'd think of marrying you only if Kevin Nealon is there. Love you fool!!!!

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Relationship Advice: How To Get Engaged In A Year!



On this week's [Single in Stilettos](#) show, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Debi Berndt about how to change your dating life and get engaged within the year. Read on for their [relationship advice](#)!

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Follow This Relationship Advice To Change Your Dating Life and Get

Engaged In A Year

Dating experts believe that you may actually be subconsciously choosing to be single, rather than seeking the relationship and love you truly want. If you want to break that cycle you need to find out why you're making that choice and go deep into what is stopping you from finding the love of your life. By following this love advice you can change your dating life and realize why you're attracted to people and what true love actually is.

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What is your best relationship advice to change your dating life? Tell us in the comments below!

Miley Cyrus Is 'Hanging Out' With Celebrity Ex Liam Hemsworth Post-Split from Patrick Schwarzenegger



By Meranda Yslas

Love may be rekindling for this former [celebrity couple](#)! According to [UsMagazine.com](#), singer [Miley Cyrus](#) and her celebrity ex, Liam Hemsworth, have been hanging out in L.A. together. A source close to the *Hunger Games* star reveals that “dating could definitely happen.” Cyrus recently broke up with Patrick Schwarzenegger, who she had been dating for five months. The two went through a celebrity break-up after Schwarzenegger was caught flirting and doing body shots off another girl in Mexico.

It looks like these celebrity exes are amicable! What are some factors

to consider before seeking comfort from your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

After experiencing a break-up, it can be hard trying to figure out where you stand with your ex. Are you two able to be friends again or has that relationship been deemed irreconcilable? Just like Cyrus has confided in her celebrity ex, here are a few tips to consider before reaching out to a past lover:

1. Possibility of platonic: Before you begin any type of relationship with your ex, you must be prepared for it to only amount to a friendship-nothing more. That way you won't get your hopes up if a romantic relationship isn't a possibility.

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2. Time: Make sure enough time has past between the rekindling of the relationship and the break-up. If it was a particularly nasty break-up, more time is probably needed for wounds to heal.

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3. Start off slow: Before you pick up or phone and give your former mate a call, understand that your relationship isn't going to be exactly the same as it was before. Start off the conversation casual and friendly to test the waters before diving into heavy or serious topics.

How did you know you were ready to trust your ex again? Share below.

Will Chris Soules Be Tuning in to Watch His Celebrity Exes on 'The Bachelorette' Season 11?



By Emma L. Wells

The premiere of [The Bachelorette](#) season 11 is less than three weeks away. We know we'll be watching, but what about former *Bachelor* Chris Soules? It's understandable that he may not want to tune in to the reality TV show to watch two of his celebrity exes – [Kaitlyn Bristowe](#) and [Britt Nilsson](#) – search

for a relationship and love. "Kaitlyn and Britt were obviously a part of my life, and I'm interested to see how their journey goes," Soules told People.com. "Honestly, right now, I'm okay with that part of my life being behind me." Since *The Bachelor*, Soules certainly seems to have moved on to a happy celebrity engagement with his fiancé Whitney Biscoff. However, just because Prince Farming is busy with *Dancing with the Stars* doesn't mean he'll be able to avoid *The Bachelorette*. "Whitney will definitely be watching, so I'll probably be watching," he joked.

Former *Bachelor* Chris Soules says he still cares for his celebrity exes. What are some ways you can be friends with your ex after your relationship and love ends?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to relationships and love, just because you have ended your romantic partnership doesn't mean you don't want to see your ex anymore. Being friends after a break-up isn't easy, but Cupid has some tips on how you can make it work:

1. Don't force it: You shouldn't force a friendship on anyone, ex-lover or not. Similarly, forming a platonic relationship with your ex has to happen naturally. If romantic feelings or resentments remain, it won't be possible. Give yourself time to grieve and move on. Once you've adjusted to life apart, then it may be time to offer your friendship. Don't rush into this phase immediately following a split.

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2. Think about your language: It'll be easier to be friends if you don't refer to them as your ex anymore; you're heading in the right direction once you can introduce them simply as your friend. You should be prepared for a bit of an awkward phase to start out. Recognize that it's an adjustment; eventually, you two will figure out how to act around each other.

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3. Consider your new significant other's feelings: If you are able to form a friendship with your ex, keep in mind that your new partner may not understand. Be mindful of their feelings. Additionally, if you feel yourself getting jealous of your ex's new boyfriend or girlfriend, you might be harboring some residual romantic feelings. In this case, it's probably best to take a step back from the friendship until you can work through them.

Have you remained friends with any of your exes? Tell us your story below!

Kim Kardashian Reacts to Latest Celebrity News of Bruce Jenner's Transition





By Jenna Bagcal

On Friday, April 24, [Bruce Jenner](#) spoke to Diane Sawyer in a two-hour exclusive interview to discuss his decision to transition to life as a woman. According to celebrity news from [E! Online](#), Jenner's step-daughter, [Kim Kardashian](#), has spoken out to support him, and has reportedly been the "most accepting" of her step-father's decision. Other members of the Kardashian and Jenner clans have also expressed positive sentiments about Jenner's decision.

The latest celebrity news has Bruce Jenner at its center! What are some ways to cope with a partner's controversial announcement?

Cupid's Advice:

Similarly to the latest celebrity news on Bruce Jenner, there are decisions that your partner might make that you view

as shocking and controversial. Although it might be difficult for you to wrap your head around the situation, your significant other will appreciate your unwavering support and love during these difficult times. Take some of Cupid's love advice on how to cope with a partner's controversial announcement:

1. Stay open minded: Although you may not fully understand what your partner is going through, staying open minded about their situation will make for a positive outcome. Try to stay away from being judgmental, even if their decision does not align with your own personal beliefs. Keep an open mind and let your partner know that you are fully behind them.

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2. Ask informed questions: Chances are that you will have a number of questions when your partner makes their big announcement. Refrain from asking questions that are offensive and overly invasive. Instead, ask questions that show that you've done your research, and are educated on the topic at hand. Your significant other will appreciate that you took the time to become informed.

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3. Stay quiet: Unless your partner has explicitly said that you can share their information with others, do not assume that you can talk about their announcement without their consent. Remember: the decision they are sharing with you is theirs to make, as is their decision about when and with whom they share the information.

What are ways for you to cope with a partner's surprising announcement? Tell us below!

Relationship Advice Video: I Have a Successful Career But Am Struggling to Find Love



In this week's [Single in Stilettos](#) relationship advice video, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to dating expert Des O'Connor, who shares his best [love advice](#) for someone who has a successful career but is struggling to find The One.

Dating Expert Shares Best Love Advice

Despite what you may think, you can climb the corporate ladder *and* have a fulfilled romantic relationship and love life. O'Connor reveals five tips to remember:

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- 1. What you focus on is what you become:** If you're only concerned about your job, it'll take over your personal life too. Turn some of your attention to dating instead.
- 2. You need to strike a balance.**
- 3. Men need to feel needed.**

4. Stop saying, “I don’t need a man!”: If you keep sending that idea out into the universe, guess what? You won’t find a guy to invite into your life!

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5. Men aren’t intimidated by strong, independent women: If you keep running into this issue, you’re attracting the wrong type of men.

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Relationship Advice: How Do You Know When Prince Charming Is Actually Prince Alarming?





By Justin Lavelle, BeenVerified.com

When you hear someone say that they met their significant other online, you wouldn't think twice, as online dating is one of the leading ways singles meet potential suitors. Although it's commonplace to meet people online, there are always risks associated with dating people you don't know. You might end up connecting with someone who has a fake profile and is more interested in scamming you rather than determining if you're Mrs. Right. But how do you know if you're dealing with someone who has a fake profile? And what are the red flags you should look for? Fortunately, there's [relationship advice](#) to navigate the online dating scene and figure out if you're dealing with prince charming or prince alarming.

Relationship Advice: Tips to Help Protect Yourself When Dating Online

1. It's a big red flag if your online interest asks you for money, especially if it's early on and you've never met face-to-face. Scammers will often ask for money on behalf of a sick

relative, a short term loan to pay rent, or travel money to visit you if he lives out of state.

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2. Be careful if he avoids meeting you, especially if he says he will be out of the country. There's a reason that scammers don't want to meet face-to-face. If they're running a game, they will come up with all kinds of excuses to avoid meeting. Some may use work travel as an excuse, others may say they have shared custody of his kids and it's his weekend to keep them, or that an ill mother needs to be taken care of. Listen to this relationship advice: Pay close attention to what they're saying.

3. Dating experts say to meet relatively quickly in person and in a public place. It's advantageous to meet face-to-face to see if you have chemistry and if he is who he claims to be. It's far easier to walk away from a bad situation before you feel an attachment. Choose a place that has foot traffic in case you need to call out for assistance. Always tell a friend or family member where you'll be and what time you'll be there. It might be wise to have a bail out call come 30 minutes into your meeting, just in case you need an escape strategy.

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4. Accept the fact everyone tells lies, even little white ones, so decide where you draw the line. Online daters want to put their best foot forward. Men may say they're a couple of inches taller than they are in reality, and women may not accurately describe their body type. Many online daters accept superficial lies as part of the deal. My dating advice is to decide what is acceptable for you.

5. To avoid identity theft scams, try Google's reverse image search. Take a few minutes to search the profile's pictures,

and if the reverse search shows up across hundreds of pages, it's highly likely that the person is being deceitful and is using someone else's images as his own.

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6. When chatting online, make sure the flow of conversation makes sense to ascertain if you're talking to a live person or a robot profile. Mix up the conversation; see if the person continues to track with you. If they're unable to switch gears, it could be a robot responder giving predetermined responses.

7. Relationship experts say if his profile is comprised of only one photo and the text is basically empty, they could be a scammer. People who don't want to be held accountable to the content of their profile will simply leave it blank. If they're too lazy to take the time to self-disclose and post some self-descriptive text, then you should probably take a pass.

8. If his Facebook account has fewer than 100 friends, there's a reason to be suspicious, especially for younger users. Most people on Facebook have more than one hundred friends. There could be an explanation; he may be new to social media or a teacher that is trying to remain private. Delve deeper into his reasons. This doesn't necessarily apply to older users, as the average person over 55 is more likely to have smaller amounts of followers.

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9. If people claim to be famous or know famous people, it could be to lure you in. Some women get star struck and might continue in conversation with someone they aren't interested in if there is hope of meeting someone rich and famous. Take their stories with a grain of salt; don't continue the

dialogue if you're not truly interested.

10. Research as much as you can about the person before you meet face-to-face. Search their name on Google, search all social media profiles and ask friends if they know them. You might find out that the person has a criminal record or may be in a serious relationship and love already! Also, you can do a thorough background check on the person via BeenVerified.com, which consolidates information from public data sources to make it a one-stop shop for accessing personal information.

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Date Idea: Star Light, Star Bright





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Whether you celebrate around a tree or a menorah, the holiday spirit is in full swing – and so is the stress that comes along with it. Your [relationship and love](#) life may feel strained from all of the pressure. If you're in need of a romantic evening with your partner, dive into the cultural craze and Hanukkah spirit with a personal take on "The Festival of Lights." This weekend date idea is the perfect opportunity to stargaze together and enjoy nature's own decorative lights.

Stargaze to Improve Your Relationship and Love

To get started with this date idea, you'll need to grab some winter wear and hot cocoa (don't forget the peppermint schnapps!) so you stay warm while you look at the stars. Next, you've got to find the best spot in your neighborhood. If you live in the city, don't worry! All those bright lights may make it difficult, but it's not impossible. The Amateur

Astronomer's Association of New York leads stargazing ventures every week.

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There's nothing more romantic than lying with your significant other under a big, fluffy, cashmere blanket while stargazing in the great outdoors. Let the holiday spirit bring your relationship and love to the next level. Think about it: The scenery is beautiful; there's no one else around; and you're lying next to each other in the darkness, looking up at the sky. Mix in cuddling under a blanket and sipping on a warm drink, and this might be your favorite date night yet!

Since it's best to start stargazing about an hour after sunset, you can have an early dinner and then head to your own festival of lights. For some added romance, bring along a picnic basket filled with some sweet treats. As the sun goes down, the stars will become more visible, and you'll want to have binoculars to get a closer look. You may want to invest in a constellation map so the two of you can tell the difference between Aquarius and Lyra. You could even make a game out of figuring out the different patterns.

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It's also important to remember what culture you're celebrating on this take of "The Festival of Lights." To learn more about Chanukah, check out websites and read a brief history. In the midst of enjoying the starry night together, take our love advice and exchange gifts under the open sky. Look out for shooting stars, and don't forget to make a wish for the holidays!

Have you stargazed together as a date? Share your stories below!