

# Dating Advice Q&A: Is He Hiding Something When He Turns His Phone Off?



*Question from Charlie S.: I've noticed that my boyfriend turns his phone off at random times – during a lunch date in the middle of the week, during a Sunday night football game, etc. Should I be worried that he's hiding something from me? What's the best way to ask him about it?*

If that moment when he locks his phone and slides it in his pocket is unsettling, leave it up to the relationship experts who have [dating advice](#) that may provide some comfort.

## Dating Advice: Is He Hiding Something?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Try not to jump to negative conclusions about your boyfriend turning off his phone. Did you ever think that maybe he just wants to enjoy watching the game or lunch without constant interruptions with phone calls and texts from people? Believe it or not, there are some people who aren't as attached to their phone and need it on 24/7. So, unless you're seeing any other red flags or have any other relationship problems that seem like he's hiding something from you, then I highly recommend giving your boyfriend the benefit of the doubt. Because a sure fire way to kill a great relationship is to accuse him of doing something he's not.

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[Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star](#): When your guy is turning off his phone at random times it most likely means he'd like to unplug and enjoy his time without a phone buzzing in his pocket. If he is turning off his phone during dates or quality time with you it means he wants to be with you without distraction, and that is great! If he was hiding something from you, he would be turning his phone off around you all of the time, not randomly!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): I suggest asking yourself why you believe your boyfriend's turning off his phone is a problem or a sign he is attempting to hide something. Many women would be thrilled if their boyfriend shut his phone off when he's with them. That usually means he is paying attention and more available for conversation. You may have trust issues with your boyfriend and believe his turning his phone off is to shield himself from other women contacting him when he's with you. If so, my dating advice is to simply ask him why he turns his phone off. How you gauge his answer will either assuage your concerns or bring the issue to the surface. You be the judge. Good luck.

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# Dating Advice Q&A: Is It Ever Okay To Go Through Your Partner's Phone?



*Question from Carrie F.: My boyfriend and I have been dating for over a year, and lately, I've been worried that he's talking to an ex behind my back. Is it okay if I look for proof on his phone before I confront him? I don't want to say anything to him unless I'm 100 percent sure.*

If you're looking for [dating advice](#) about whether or not it's ever okay to go through your partner's phone, keep reading to find out what our relationship experts advise!

## Dating Advice About Going Through His Phone

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): While no one wants to find out that their boyfriend is still talking to his ex, a sure-fire way to kill your relationship is with your insecurity. If you think he's still talking to his ex, ask him in a curious and non-confrontational way. Then, watch his reaction. If he doesn't have anything to hide, he may mention that he keeps in touch with her in a non-romantic way. If there *is* something going on, he'll probably get defensive and try to cover things up. Either way, if you want the relationship to last, it's important to be able to trust each other and have open communication.

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your partner should be able to communicate truthfully and openly, so if you're feeling uncomfortable about him keeping in touch with his ex, talk to him. Snooping in his phone might make it worse, as he may get defensive and angry, which will put you both in a bad spot. If you don't feel comfortable speaking with him, it's time to reevaluate the relationship and see if it's worth the confrontation.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): The answer is no. Successful relationships are built on trust, honesty, and clear communication. Snooping in a partner's phone is a breach of trust on your part. I doubt you would approve of his perusing your personal correspondence behind your back! If for some reason you're concerned that your guy is still in touch with his ex, just ask him. You will get a response. Then, you can decide if what he says is acceptable or if a deeper conversation about your relationship and expectations from one another is necessary. Above all, approach the process from a position of respect for your partner, your relationship, and, most importantly, yourself.

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# Dating Advice Q&A: What Does Texting On A Date Say To Your Partner?



*Question from Julia Y.: Because of my job, it's important that I always keep my phone handy so I can be available in case there's an emergency. Will a new guy get the wrong impression if I text during a date?*

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## Dating Advice On Texting On A Date

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Texting or taking a phone call during a date is a big “no, no!” because it sends the wrong message to the person you're out with. He may think that you're really not that interested in him or that you're texting another guy. That being said, the only exception to the rule is if there's an emergency. Here's my love advice: A good way to avoid him thinking the wrong thing, is to tell him up front that you usually don't text on dates, but because of the nature of your job sometimes emergencies come up and you may need to handle it while you're on the date. He will most likely be understanding, but you should really try to avoid this from happening on a regular basis, otherwise he'll probably start to get annoyed and lose interest in you.

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[Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star](#): It's a little rude to be glued

to your phone during a date and will definitely give off a bad impression. But if you absolutely must respond for a work emergency, just make sure you tell your date that it is an emergency. Also, make sure to step out, so that he's not just uncomfortably staring at you while you text! It's the 21st century, we all understand if a message just can't wait.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): When dating someone new, it's important to make the person sitting across the table feel special. That means giving them your undivided attention. My dating advice is if you're on a date and expecting an important call from a client or your boss, let your date know. We've all been there. Then discreetly place your phone off to the side and have fun. If your job keeps you in a perpetual emergency mode where you can never disconnect from the office, it's says something about your choices. Your career is important, but so is your relationship and love life. And guess what? You can have it all if you prioritize your needs and balance your work and personal life.

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# Dating Advice Q&A: How Harmless Is Sending Pictures Via Text?



*Question from Carolyn R.: I've been texting this guy, and he's really nice, but he keeps asking me for pictures – not nude pictures, just pictures. It seems a bit weird to me, and I don't know if this means he's going to ask for more revealing ones in the future. Am I just being paranoid, or is this as weird as I think it is?*

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## Dating Advice: When Is It Okay To Send Pictures?

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): If you don't feel comfortable sending him photos via text, then just tell him to friend you on Facebook where there are a lot of great photos of you. If he still keeps pressuring you to send photos and he takes it one step further where he asks you to send him nude photos of yourself, then just remember you have choice. Don't let him pressure you into doing something that you don't want to do. No matter how nice he is, if he keeps up the pressure to send nude photos, my dating advice is to move on, because it's obvious he's only interested in one thing.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star: When a guy asks you to send him

photos of you, revealing or not, you should know that he's very interested in your looks and maybe only your looks. If a guy asks for one or two photos of you, it may be his harmless way of wanting to put a face to the person texting him. If he is constantly asking for photos of you, he may only be interested in your looks instead of forming a relationship and love. If you really like him, my relationship advice is to tell him to add you on Facebook and creep on photos there!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Without knowing for sure the kind of photos your guy is asking for, my guess is that he is most likely seeking provocative pics of you, not the ones you share on Facebook and Instagram. If so, you need to decide if this is something you're comfortable with. In the interim, I suggest spending more actual face time with him versus FaceTime, to get a better sense of his true character and intentions. If he is more interested in photos of you than being with you, that, of course is a problem and reason to move on. Good luck.

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# Dating Advice Q&A: How Do I Tell My Friend She Shares Too Much About Her Relationship And Love On Instagram?



*Question from Mary Kate K.: I have a friend that has been dating this guy for almost 2 years. It seems like every other day she's uploading a picture of the two of them with some caption like, "the love of my life and I enjoying dinner at our favorite restaurant" or "look at the flowers my boyfriend gave me after a hard day!" I'm happy for her...but I'm also sick to my stomach. How do I nicely tell her to tone it down?*

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## Dating Advice: How To Deal With Too Much PDA

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): While it can be annoying when a friend posts too much about their relationship and love on social media, it's not really your place to tell your friend how much she should or shouldn't post on Instagram. I think the bigger issue is, you really need to ask yourself why it really bothers you so much? Her posts aren't vulgar or offensive by any means, however if her posts are making you physically sick to your stomach, then you have a choice to follow or unfollow her. If you follow her, then just be a good friend and be truly happy for her. And if you can't be happy for her, my love advice is to stop following her.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star: Telling someone to stop posting about their relationship is a conversation that will never end well and will also make you seem a bit jealous. Simply unfollow her on so you don't see her posts unless you search for them. Telling someone to tone down their happiness online will make you seem unsupportive of their relationship and stir up trouble.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): For whatever reason, you'd prefer not to see your friend's parade of Instagram posts with her boyfriend of almost two years. Here is an easy solution: My dating advice is to stop following her on Instagram. It's not appropriate to ask her to stop posting what makes her happy. After all, it's her account. The question you might ask yourself is why. Are you being good friend and concerned about the guy, fear your friend is setting herself up for an embarrassing fail on social media? Or could you be a tad jealous of her good fortune? Ouch. In our Kardashian world where anything and everything is exposed on social media, I'm not feeling why your friend's Insta-bragging is such an issue. Respect and good luck, Mary Kate.

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# Relationship Experts Q&A: Does Social Media Stalking Create False Intimacy?



*Question from Anna C.: I've had a crush on my neighbor for a while, and he finally asked me out on a date! Since we've lived near each other for nearly a year, we're already friends on Facebook. Of course, I've looked at his profile in that time, and I feel like I really know him. On our date, is it okay to bring up something I saw on his profile, or should I avoid mentioning anything I've learned from social media stalking?*

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## Relationship Experts Share Dating Advice On Social Media Stalking

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): If it was something that you saw on his profile awhile back, then I would avoid bringing it up. He'll know that you've been snooping around his Facebook page and it could raise an "eyebrow" in his mind. As a relationship expert, I tell my clients that you never want to appear like you're more interested in him than he is in you. So, just play it cool on the first date and have fun. As you go out on more dates and you get to know him better, then it would be okay to bring up something you saw on his profile because then it would be more appropriate.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star: It's absolutely okay to mention something you saw on your dates Facebook profile on the first date! It's a good way to connect and create a comfortable conversation. But you've got to make sure you say you saw it on their profile. If you say, "Hey, I saw that funny video on your page last week with the cats!" it can start a conversation, but if you say "I think cats are so funny!" it might get a little weird. Guys can get creeped out if you try to hide the fact that you looked at their social media. Honestly, that seems a little more stalker-ish, like you're secretly watching them. If you're open about seeing things on their profile, they're more inclined to feel flattered that you took an interest in their stuff!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Since you were neighbors and had connected offline prior to dating, I suggest leaving Facebook behind for now. Checking his profile now and then is understandable, but as you know, social media posts can lead to assumptions and misconceptions. If I were you, my love advice is to consider yourself lucky to be dating someone that interested you from afar. That's a great start. Now it's time focus on building a relationship and love face to face, and hopefully cheek to cheek.

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# Love Advice Q&A: How Do I Show My Interest In Someone Online?



*Question from Carrie K.: When I first meet a nice guy and we become friends on Facebook, I always try to think of a way to show him I might be interested. Is there a way to subtly do so without looking like a stalker or totally desperate?*

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## Relationship Experts Share Dating Advice About Showing Interest On Facebook

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When it comes to Facebook, there's a fine line between showing interest and coming across as a stalker. Obviously, you can like and comment on his posts, but my love advice is to not do so too much. If you go overboard, you'll be seen as someone who has a little too much interest in his life and no life of your own. So my expert dating advice is to be selective about what you comment on and like. Then, at some point, after you've been friends for awhile, try to initiate a conversation over the private messaging feature on Facebook. Once the conversation takes off, add in a little innocent flirting and see where it goes. Soon, he may ask you out on a date, and you can get offline and meet up in person!

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Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star: I know that everyone likes to fluff up their Facebook profile to encourage some new sparks. There's just a right and wrong way to do it. Most importantly, don't ever pretend that you're seriously interested in something you've never even heard of because this new guy seems into it. That can lead to some awkward conversations when he starts asking you about it. You can absolutely expand your interests though. Let's say you like being outdoors, for example. Just because your version of "being outdoors" is drinking wine and eating cheese at the closest park instead of hiking three miles every weekend doesn't mean it's a lie. You can also message him if you see something cool on his profile, like, "I loved that video you just posted – do you rock climb?" It can give you guys something to talk about and is a good way to further the conversation beyond a confirmed friend request.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): The dating game is thriving in the digital world, but if you want to win, get offline as quickly as possible. Most guys are not that savvy when it comes to reading between the lines of texts or e-mails, so as a relationship expert, I suggest you stay cool, but be clear about your intentions. A good way to take the connection offline is through finding common ground with a new connection. For example, you love margaritas, and he considers himself an expert on tequila. Bueno! Find a cool and conveniently located Mexican restaurant or bar that carries the good stuff and suggest meeting up to sample their Maestro Dobel reposado, don Julio 1942, or 7 Leguas Tequila Anejo. If you conduct a bit of research on something you both enjoy, most guys will appreciate the effort. And in this case, he'll think you're someone who has great taste in men *and* spirits.

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## Dating Advice Q&A: How Do I Handle My Partner's Family On Facebook?



 Question from Catherine A.: My boyfriend's siblings and parents recently friend-requested me on Facebook. I don't have anything bad on there, but I'm still worried. Should I accept their friend requests? Would it be worse not to? What if we break up?

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## Relationship Experts Give Dating Advice About Your Partner's Family and Facebook

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): If you don't accept their friend requests, it'll be very awkward every time you see

them. Since you don't have anything bad on Facebook, then you have nothing to worry about. Also, if you're really concerned, then my dating advice would be to limit what they see in your news feed through your settings. And right now, I really wouldn't worry about you and your boyfriend breaking up. Don't be concerned about something that may never happen!

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Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star: Absolutely accept those friend requests! Whenever they try to reach out to you, especially online, it's a great opportunity to show that you want to be involved with his family. Also, by giving them access to your profile, you give them a way to get to know you more, especially if you don't get to spend much time with them. With Facebook, you also have the ability to spruce up your profile to make a good impression. Consider this love advice: Accepting your boyfriend's family on Facebook can really benefit your relationship and love! If you end up breaking up, then delete him and his family. Even if they get offended, what's the harm? You're already broken up!

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Great question. Your decision depends on your relationship with your boyfriend. If you're in a committed relationship where you've met and established a connection with his family, there's no reason not to accept their requests. If things don't work out, you can always unfriend them. However, if this is a relatively new situation and you're unsure about your feelings, then it's your prerogative to simply ignore their requests. The fact that you mentioned that more than one member of his family sent you a request leads me to believe that you are in a real relationship and should act accordingly. Ultimately, your Facebook page is *your* turf, and you can accept or keep out



anyone you choose. Good luck.

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## Expert Love Advice Q&A: When Do I Send A Friend Request After A First Date?



 Question from Mandy G.: I went on a first date with a great guy this weekend, but we didn't make plans to see each other again. I want to connect with him on Facebook without seeming overeager. How soon can I send him a friend request?

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## Relationship Experts Discuss Facebook Friend Requests

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): My expert love advice is that sending a Facebook friend request after a first date is way

too soon. When you send it prematurely, you run the risk of it being ignored, which will put you in an awkward situation. If he ignores your request, you may think he's not interested in you. But what it may really mean is that he's not ready to let you in to snoop through his personal life after just one date. Let's be honest: The first thing you will do is go through all his photos and posts to try to figure out what's up with his relationship and love life and if he's dating anyone else! There's plenty of time to get to know him digitally, so wait until several dates in to send that friend request. Otherwise, you may find yourself un-friended from a guy that you just met!

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Paige Wyatt, Reality TV Star: Sending a new guy a friend request on Facebook is a lot simpler than you think. First, you must do a quick sweep of your own page. Make sure there's nothing embarrassing or off-putting posted on there. Don't forget to check your tagged photos! Then, send him a request. If he accepts within minutes (as people often do, thanks to the Facebook app), send him a quick message, something short and sweet to let him know you had a great time on your date. If he doesn't accept your request for a few days, don't automatically assume he's ignoring you. He may not be an avid Facebook user, and in that case, it's better to stay connected via text message instead.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Although there is nothing wrong with sending him a friend request, look at the bigger picture. You just went on a date with this guy, and it sounds like you want to see him again. Although there are no set rules, ending a date without plans to reconnect is usually not a great sign. Consider this dating advice: If this guy wants to see

you again, he will reach out soon. Adding him as a Facebook friend is a nice gesture, but I doubt it will do anything to stoke the romantic fires.

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## **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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[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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## **Love Advice Q&A: Is It Weird That My Man Always Texts Instead of Calling?**



*Question from Elissa B.: I've been seeing this guy for a few months now, and anytime we're not together, he always texts me and never calls. Whether he's seeing how my day is going or we're trying to arrange our plans for the weekend, he*

only texts. *What does this behavior say about our relationship and about him?*

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## Love Advice: What to Do If a Guy Only Texts

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): Thanks to the ever-present use of technology, unfortunately, texting has become the norm with the way a lot of people communicate. That being said, it doesn't make it acceptable that he communicates with you solely in this manner. The issue is you've already set the standard for what's an acceptable way to reach out to you. So it's going to be harder to break him of this habit...but it's clearly not impossible!

Next time, he texts you to plan a date, reply with something like, "Great! I'm tied up right now, so give me a call later and we can make a plan." Or if you're so bold, instead of texting him back, you can just pick up the phone and call him. It may take a few tries to get him on the phone, but don't give up!

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Most guys prefer to send a text rather than pick up the phone and talk. Women like to chat, but men want to get straight to the point. In that case, it's about his personal preference and isn't a reflection of your relationship or his feelings for you.

If he doesn't answer your calls though, that's a different story. There's a chance he's just busy. However, if he immediately send you a text with some strange excuse about why he can't call, that's a red flag. Be honest with him about your feelings and just tell him it would mean a lot to you if

he'd call you every once a while. Give him the chance to explain himself, but if it seems fishy, he might not be a very honest guy – and definitely not the guy for you.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): When it comes to dating, technology can be our friend or foe. Sure, a guy can score dates while sitting at home in his tighty-whiteys. While this man's over-reliance on texting is expedient, it lacks intimacy – and that's a real issue. Maybe he's busy, but don't let his dependence on texting dominant the relationship's lines of communication. You're worth more than that. To build a relationship, men and women have to be at their best, and that means communicating in a real way. Follow this love advice: Insist that he calls the next time he wants to see you and be willing to stick to your guns if he falls back into this lazy behavior.

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# **Dating Advice Q&A: Is It Appropriate to Play Hard to**

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*Question from Kaitlin B.: It sounds silly, but I think a lot about my texts before I send them to a guy I've just met. When and how do I play hard to get while texting? What things should I consider before pressing send?*

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[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): I think it's interesting that you prefaced your question with "it sounds silly"...and the reason why I bring that up is because I think deep down you know this *is* completely silly! You're thinking way too much about what you should or shouldn't do when it comes to texting a guy, which is probably taking all the fun out of the beginning stages of dating and just getting to know him.

If a guy really likes you, whatever you write in a text is very rarely going to change how he feels. However, if you play too many games and play hard to get, you're more likely to lose him than to get into a relationship with him. Here's my best dating advice: Stop thinking too much about what/how/when to text him and just go with the flow. You might win him over by being yourself!

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: It's very easy to overthink when it comes to texting someone you've just met. It's important to note that you don't always have to play hard to get. Sometimes, it's better to just act like yourself and reply back without too much thought. If you feel like you need to do



a little more to keep this person interested, don't reply back right away; it can be enticing if you don't seem too available. You don't want them to think they don't have a chance with you, but you can let them know that you have your own life and that you're a busy girl.

If you still want to play hard to get, don't be too cold. Remember that it's called "hard to get," not "never get!" My best dating advice is to make sure they know you're in demand but that you're also willing to make time to see or talk to them.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): The most important consideration is if texting is the best way to play hard to get. The written word, particularly emails and texts, can be easily misinterpreted. Playing a finesse game like "hard to get" can be challenging when the playing field is limited to a few brief words and phrases. If setting the hook and making a real connection is your goal, I suggest a phone call or, better yet, meeting up in person. Remember that guys are visual. There is no better way to make a man want to see you more than by looking into his eyes and smiling.

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**How do you play hard to get when texting a new guy? Share your dating advice with us in the comments below!**

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# Q&A: Should I Be Concerned About My Man's Social Network Activity with Other Women?



*Question from Jane C.: This guy and I have been dating for a few months now, and everything is going great, but I sometimes get bothered by the way he interacts with other girls on social media. It will pop up on my Facebook Newsfeed that he's liked a bunch of girl's photos or commented on some girl's picture. Should I read into this, or am I just being paranoid?*

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**Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker:** When you're dating someone exclusively, it just means that you're not going to date other people. It doesn't mean that he can't be friends with other women or like their photos on Facebook.

However, that being said, his behavior could be inappropriate based on the type of photos he's liking or commenting on. If the photos are innocent in nature, then I wouldn't be so worried. But if the photos are sexy or provocative photos of the women and he's making inappropriate comments, then it's definitely a red flag that he may have a wandering eye. Not to mention the fact that it's completely disrespectful to you! If the tables were reversed, I'm sure he wouldn't appreciate you liking and commenting on photos of other men with their shirts off or flexing their muscles.

It's not something that I would say you should break up over. However, it *is* something that you should keep an eye out for.

Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: The way people interact online can

give you a good insight to their personality. In your boyfriend's case, he seems to be flirty and outgoing. He doesn't think twice when he comments on girls' pictures or posts on their walls because that's his personality. He probably doesn't see anything wrong with it. His online interactions are completely innocent to him because he doesn't think too deeply into them. Although it may not be a problem to him, it *is* for you. It's important to be open and honest with your feelings and opinions, so let him know what you're thinking. Otherwise, he may never change his behavior.

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**Robert Manni, Guy's Guy:** It's called social media for a reason. People connect online and socialize. Unfortunately, a lot of guys raised on social media think the way to score dates is sitting in front of their laptops in their tighty whiteys and hitting on random women. And that could be the case here. Without knowing the parameters of Jane's relationship, it's easy to condemn this guy for blatantly flirting while he's dating Jane.

If they're in an exclusive relationship, Jane might ask why he's so friendly with these other women. If he's evasive or she doesn't buy his answer, she has some choices. She can put up with it (not recommended), return the favor and also flirt online, or start dating other people – at least until he realizes what's good for guys can be very good for the ladies.

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How do you handle concern about your partner's social media habits? Share with us in the comments below!

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# Q&A: Should I Tell My Friend Her Crush Has Been Facebook Messaging Me?



*Question from Amelia S.: This guy who my friend has been hanging out with a lot will randomly message me on Facebook whenever I'm online. It's always harmless stuff like, "What are you up to?" but it still catches me off guard. Should I tell her, and if so, what's the best way to bring up the subject?*

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): You know that saying "you're stuck between a rock and a hard place?" Well, guess what? You're in a no-win situation! From what you said, it sounds like your friend just likes him and isn't dating him yet, so "technically," she can't get upset that he's contacting you. Now, I say "technically" because we both know that, if you tell her, she will be upset and hurt.

Now, while you may think that his messages to you are completely harmless, men don't do things without some sort of intention. Without knowing the entire situation, I'm going to guess that he's not just looking for a friend and that those harmless messages are going to lead to something more.

So here's my advice to you: If you truly value your friendship with your friend and have no interest whatsoever in this guy, then I suggest you ignore his "harmless messages"...because it's just going to lead to a no-win situation for everyone involved.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Absolutely tell your friend that this guy has been messaging you. If it truly is harmless, he won't be embarrassed or upset if she brings it up. If he does have an ulterior motive, then you warned your friend, and it's now her move. It's much better to be honest with your friends about situations like this one. If you didn't tell her and she found out, she may get upset with you. If it really is nothing, then what's the harm in letting her know?

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**Robert Manni, Guy's Guy:** Some say where there's smoke, there's fire. In this case, it's hard not to miss the smoke – but let's not rush to judgement. When a guy is really interested in a woman, his focus is on her, and he curtails his flirting. Maybe this guy just wants to establish good relationships with his leading lady's BFFs. Still, I'm not sure if this is the best way to do it. He must know that girlfriends talk. And when friends talk about the curious actions of a guy, his behavior and character go under the microscope. At this point, I'm not sure that's in his best interests.

As for you, for now, I suggest you either ignore his Facebook messages or keep the exchanges polite. Over time, his true intentions will surface. When they do, you can determine if it's necessary to let your friend know about his correspondence.

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How would you handle the situation described above? Tell us in

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## Q&A: Can You Tell by Someone's Social Network If They're the Relationship Type?



 *Question from Charlie W.: When I first meet someone, I always add them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and do the inevitable cyber-stalking that everyone does but no one wants to admit. Are there signs that show if someone is the relationship type or just looking to have a good time?*

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): It's so true: No one likes to admit to cyber-stalking, but the reality is, checking out a man that you just started dating on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram can really tell you so much about him. You'll find out what's important to him and what he likes to do in his free time.

While there aren't any specific indicators to tell if he's the relationship type, there are some signs to watch out for that reveal if he's just looking to have a good time. If he posts a lot of photos of himself surrounded by beautiful women (you know the type – I think every woman knows a man like this!), he could be feeling the need to be validated and just want to play the field. Or if he posts a lot of photos of him partying and having fun with his buddies, he might still be in

the *Animal House* phase of his life and not have any intentions of getting serious with someone. Ultimately, there aren't hard and fast rules when it comes to determining if a man is relationship material; however, these are some red flags to look for while you're dating him.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Finding out what a person is like through social media can be a tricky thing, but it can be a good way to see if they are worthy of getting to know more after a first impression. A good way to tell if someone is the relationship type is to look at the activities they like. If they enjoy hiking, cooking, reading, or spending time with friends or family, they may be more of the relationship type. But if there are tons of pictures at clubs, bars, or parties, they may be just looking to have a good time. Though these signs give a good idea of what a person likes to do, they are *not* the best way to find out who they really are. Instead, get to know them in person and spend quality time together.

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[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): If you dig deep enough, you can get a reasonable idea about someone's relationship potential based on their social media activity. We all take a look at our new dates online, but we need to be careful not to prejudge our prospects solely based on their tweets, Facebook posts, and Instagram photos. Not only is the content mostly superficial, but it takes a lot of the fun and mystery out of dating! After all, the best way to get to know someone is in person.

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Have you ever judged someone you're dating based on their social media activity? Tell us about it in the comments below!

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## Q&A: Is It Okay If My Boyfriend Texts His Ex?

 Question from Alex S.: My boyfriend and I have been dating for almost six months. Every once in a while, I'll see a text on his phone pop up from his ex. He says they're just friends, and he's even introduced me to her before, but my girlfriends tell me that it's weird and that I should ask to read their messages. What do you think?

**Answer from Our Love Experts:**

[Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker](#): If you ask to read the text messages, it's going to be a red flag to your boyfriend. You're basically saying that you don't trust him and that you're insecure about your relationship. It's going to be a huge turn-off to him, especially if there's nothing going on with his ex. Honestly, I think it's far more important for you to find out about his past relationship history and how it ended. Is she trying to win him back after he broke up with her? If so, then it is an issue that he's still communicating with her. Or did they both mutually decide to end the relationship and really are just friends? Believe it or not, it is possible to be friends with an ex. I'm actually friends with a couple of my exes, and believe me, nothing is going on!



Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: A lingering ex-girlfriend is never a comfortable situation, but sometimes, men don't feel negatively about their exes. Men hate drama, and one surefire way to get involved in drama is being rude to their ex. Instead, they figure they'll just be nice and friendly, and it won't be a big deal.

Unfortunately, they have no idea how uncomfortable it makes *you* feel as their current girlfriend. The only way to resolve this issue is to talk to your boyfriend about it. Let him know what you're thinking and try to make him understand from your point of view. Otherwise, he'll never know it bothers you. If he's really over his ex, he'll understand and find you and your feelings more important than talking to her.

[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): Although social media plays a prominent role in relationships, every situation is different, so there's no definitive answer. However, communicating clearly and honestly with your partner is always recommended. In Alex's case, I suggest she forget about asking to read the texts. Her boyfriend responded when asked, and it could be an occasional harmless exchange.

Let's address the real issue. Alex is uncomfortable, and she doesn't understand why it's important for him to stay connected to his ex. That's a fair question. If her boyfriend knows she feels this way but insists on keeping constant contact with his ex, that's a warning sign. He needs to man up and let Alex know if his priorities are with the past or the present. And Alex needs to determine her course of action based on his response.

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**Do you still text your ex? Why? Let us know in the comments**

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# Q&A: Should I Delete or Unfriend My Exes on Social Networks?



*Question from Shelby F.: Whenever a guy and I breakup, I always wonder if I should completely delete him from my life. A part of me thinks it's a good idea because then I won't be tempted to see if he's tagged in any new photos with new girls, but the other part of me doesn't want him to think I'm so bitter or immature that I can't stand him coming up on my newsfeed. What should I do?*

**Answer from Our Love Experts:**

[Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When it comes to social media and an ex, there really isn't a clear-cut answer. It really depends on how the relationship ended and how you feel about him. If the relationship ended amicably and you feel you can still be friends with him, then it's fine to stay connected to him on social media.

However, if the relationship ended on a bad note, then why would you want to torture yourself by seeing him with his new girlfriend? Unfriending him or deleting him really isn't about being bitter or immature; it's more about your well being and moving on with your life. What he thinks about it shouldn't really matter to you, as you are no longer together.

[Paige Wyatt, Reality Star](#): It's totally understandable if you feel the urge to check up on your ex every once in a while, but know that it's not healthy. Keeping an eye on him will never give you the chance to completely get over him and move on, especially if he posts pictures with other girls. Seeing him having fun or with another woman will drive you crazy, even if you tell yourself you're happy for him!

The best thing to do after a break-up is wait until things have settled and neither of you are upset, which might take a few weeks. Then, unfriend him. This way, he won't think it's you taking a stab at him, and he will more likely realize you're just working on getting over him, which is exactly what you're doing!

[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): This is a personal decision that is entirely up to you. A lot depends on the individual circumstances of how things went down with each guy. If you had an amicable split and somehow managed to remain friends with your ex (it *can* be done), then keep your social media lines of communication open. However, if you experienced an uncomfortable break-up that left behind some emotional residue, it might be best to sever your social media ties with him, so you're not reminded of a bad situation.

Notice I have not mentioned or factored in what he thinks. That's because this is *your* decision, and what he thinks about your social media doesn't really matter. And if it does, then maybe you still have feelings for him.

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**Do you delete or unfriend your exes on social networks? Tell us in the comments below!**

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# Q&A: Is It Bad to Double-Text a Guy?



*Question from Kelsi W.: I've been texting back and forth with a guy I recently met. We'll be having a good conversation, but occasionally, he won't respond to something I say. Is it bad to text him again later on about something else, or should I always wait until he texts me back?*

## **Answer from Our Love Experts:**

[Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker](#): In the early stages of dating, it's a push/pull dynamic, so if you keep trying to pull him towards you, he might start to push you away. If you have a great conversation and he doesn't respond to something you say, then just leave it be. If you text him again, it may come across as a little desperate, and his response might be to ignore you even further.

Trust me, if a guy likes you and is interested in dating you, he will pursue you and text you. But if you're doing all the pursuing...then how can you ever really be sure that he's interested in you?

Robert Manni, Guy's Guy: Not knowing the context of your texts or how many you're sending each day, I sense a bit of insecurity here. Unfortunately, texting has replaced real conversation and meaningful dialogue between two potential partners. I'd give the guy a pass if he doesn't respond to each and every one. He may read them and mentally acknowledge your message before returning to whatever he's doing. If you

feel a need to close the loop on each text, I suggest picking up the phone or meeting him in person.

Don't take it personally if you find out that not every guy has the time or the desire to text back and forth until closing each thread. That said, you deserve his respect and shouldn't allow him to blow you off if that's what he's doing. But keep in mind that texting is only one part of getting to know someone. A phone call or a glass of wine are great ways to better connect. And wouldn't you prefer to hear your partner's voice and see his smiling face rather than read his text message?

Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: When it comes to texting, people are often hard to read, especially someone you've just met. Try to get a sense of how he feels about you from the texts you do receive. Does he seem enthusiastic and interested in you? Or is it more of a bland, boring conversation?

If he seems really into you, then he's probably just busy and might to be able to respond. If that's the case, you should shoot him a sweet and simple text just to say you were thinking of him and ask him to text you when he can. If he isn't very into the conversation or seems distant, you may want to wait until he texts you again.

Remember that every guy is different when it comes to texting. Some love to talk all day, while others hate it. It's all a matter of getting to know him and his style of communication.

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# Q&A: When Is It Appropriate to Send an Event Invite via Facebook?



**Question from Amanda G.:** *My college roommate just invited me to a wedding reception via a Facebook “event”. While I understand the family’s need to save money, I find it classless and tacky. So when is it appropriate to send an event invite via Facebook? Should I let her know that I didn’t find this appropriate?*

## Answer from Our Love Experts:

[Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker](#): While I’m not an etiquette expert by any means, if she sent you a Facebook event invitation to the wedding *ceremony*, that would be quite inappropriate. However, this is an invitation to the wedding reception. While a formal invitation to the reception would have been ideal...let’s face it, wedding receptions are very expensive. Apparently, she’s on a tight budget, so I’m sure she felt this was one of the ways she could cut back on expenses.

It is her wedding, so try not to be so judgmental about something so trivial as an invitation. And just try to be a good, supportive friend who is happy for her about her wedding – I’m sure you would want her to do the same for you!

[Robert Manni, Guy’s Guy](#): Being invited to a friend’s wedding is an honor. Although you wouldn’t choose a Facebook event for your own wedding invitations, this is a personal decision, and it isn’t *your* wedding. If you feel strongly about her choosing

to use Facebook for the invitation, you can always decline...via the Facebook event page.

If you decide to attend her special day, leave your judgements at home. After all, you don't know why she elected to use Facebook events for her wedding invitation. It could have been a financial issue, and if so, as a friend, you have to respect that and have the tact not to make her feel bad about it.

[Paige Wyatt, Reality Star](#): Finding new, innovative ways to make a wedding – and the wedding planning easier – is important to every bride-to-be. That being said, a Facebook invite may be a little inappropriate for a wedding, but there is no point in bringing it up to your roommate since it's already been sent. Everyone has their own style and vision for their wedding, and maybe the reception invitation was less important to her than the other factors.

An appropriate event to send a Facebook invite for would be much more casual soiree, like the housewarming party *after* the wedding.

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## **Q&A: How Can I Ask My Friend**

# to Stop Being Dramatic on Twitter?



**Question from Emma P.:** *My best friend is a Twitter addict, and although I find her tweets hilarious, whenever her and her boyfriend are having issues, my timeline turns into a soap opera. How can I get my friend to stop the dramatics?*

## Answer from Our Love Experts:

[Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker](#): When it comes to social media, you're always going to have a friend or two who are complete drama queens and feel the need to publicly vent about their love life for the whole world to see. While you can tell your best friend to stop being dramatic with the public soap opera, I have to warn you that you run the risk of it negatively affecting your friendship. She probably won't want to hear it from you, even though you may be right.

If you really enjoy her humorous tweets when she's not having issues with her boyfriend, then I highly recommend you accept what you can't control...which is her life and how she chooses to tweet. And if you just can't accept it, then you should stop following her on Twitter because that's something you *can* control!

[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): One of the challenges we face with so much technology at our disposal is that people no longer confront their problems face-to-face or even by phone. Texting, e-mail, Facebook, and Twitter are great ways of conveying digestible snippets of information, but using these mediums to deal with emotional issues can be problematic. After all, it's hard to make an emotional connection in 140 characters or less. Your friend's tweeting as a way of dealing



with her boyfriend is, ironically, probably exasperating what's wrong with her relationship. Instead of tweeting it out, she'd be better off talking things over with her boyfriend.

You can't address your timeline issue by tweeting back. Instead, reach out to her by phone or meet up in person to make a real connection where you can tell her how you feel. If she thinks that your getting together is "interrupting" her life, you might ask yourself is she really worth having as a friend.

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**Have you dealt with a friend who shared her relationship drama on Twitter? Share your story below!**

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## **Q&A: Can I Ask My Boyfriend to Delete Facebook Pictures with His Ex?**



*Question from Stephanie K.: My boyfriend dated his high school sweetheart throughout college and they broke up two years before he met me. I just realized he's tagged in pictures with her from college. Is it wrong of me to be jealous about that? How do I ask him to remove those pictures?*

## Answers From Our Love Experts:

[Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker](#): While no one likes to be reminded of their current boyfriend's ex's, the fact is everyone has a past relationship history. Your boyfriend does, and you do too. He was tagged in those photos well before you started dating, and it wasn't an issue until you realized that they existed. I'll bet that he has completely forgotten that he was tagged in those photos, and if you bring it up now, it's going to appear to him that you were "snooping" around in his stuff and that you're really insecure and jealous about the relationship. If your boyfriend is a great guy who treats you well in all other ways possible, then why let something so trivial as old photos bother you?

Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Seeing pictures of your boyfriend with his ex is always weird, and it's totally normal to be jealous. Sure, the pictures are nice memories for him, but they make you think that he's not over his past relationship. It is completely appropriate for you to ask him to take these photos down, but you have to do it in a way that won't make you seem controlling or jealous. When bringing it up to your boyfriend, you need to make him understand that the pictures bother you because it feels like the memories you make with him have to compete with the memories he had with her. Another way to explain it to him is to say that you want to be the only girl he thinks about and these photos make you wonder if he's still into his ex.

[Robert Manni, Guy's Guy](#): If it's simply about photos on Facebook, here are my thoughts: If, after two years, your boyfriend still keeps photos of his ex on his Facebook page, it's reasonable to ask him to take them down. As far as his being tagged with her on other people's pages, I suggest leaving that alone. However, from my experience, relationship issues are never that simple. Could it be that your concerns with his tagging are symptomatic of other looming issues or

insecurities about your relationship? Is it because things are not working out the way you had hoped and the concern with tagging is really about your fear that “he’s just not that into you” or that he’s cheating? It’s time to ask yourself what’s your hesitation in speaking to him about this issue. It might be helpful to explore your own feelings before having “the talk.” In any case, if he hesitates to take the photos down, that’s a red flag. Remember that you deserve better.


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**Did you ask your partner to delete photos with their ex on Facebook? Share your story below!**

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## **Q&A: Should I Let My Girlfriend Look at My Phone?**

 *Question from Colin B.: I’m very territorial about my property and am very particular about the fact that no one looks at texts and e-mails on my phone, including my girlfriend. She and I just got into a fight over this issue, and she’s calling me paranoid. Am I taking my privacy too far?*

**Answers from Our Love Experts:**

Tristan Coopersmith, Love Stylist: There is a big difference between giving your girlfriend carte blanche access to your

personal belongings and her snooping. Snooping undermines trust, while giving access builds it. By being territorial, you're telling your girlfriend you have something to hide and don't trust her – and these two things are not good foundational elements to a healthy relationship.

So ask yourself: do you have something to hide? And do you distrust her? If you answer yes to one or both questions, this relationship needs help. If you answered no to both, then I recommend working on your own issues of vulnerability, which you are calling territorialism, so that you can create space in your relationship for trust and true connection to blossom. Good luck!

[Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker](#): No one should ever go through their significant other's phone without asking them first. It's just a matter of respecting each other's privacy. If your girlfriend is snooping through your phone because she doesn't trust you, then that's a sign you have an unhealthy relationship.

Now, that being said, I would question why you're making such a big deal about it. If you would prefer she not touch your phone, then just explain it to her. Don't get into a huge fight over something so trivial. Blowing it out of proportion like you have only makes her think you're hiding something.

Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: You are not taking your privacy too far. It's important to have some boundaries and it's also important to be sure that you two have your own lives. If you don't, your relationship could suffer. Keeping your phone private is not being paranoid, it's just you keeping your space. Your girlfriend may not understand this so she's most likely thinking there's something sketchy going on and unless you've given her reason to feel this way, it's something she is going to have to figure out how to deal with. Help her if you can, but don't give in, it will set a bad precedent.

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**Tell us: Are you paranoid about people looking at your phone? Why or why not?**

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## Q&A: Should I Be Worried If My Man Hasn't Asked Me to Be in a Facebook Relationship?

**Question from Kendall M.:** *I've been seeing this guy for a few months, and things have been really good. I've stayed over a couple times and even met his parents, but he hasn't sent me a relationship request on Facebook. I'm too nervous to do it myself. Should I be worried that he hasn't posted our relationship on Facebook yet?*

**Answer from Our Love Experts:**

Tristan Coopersmith, Love Stylist: My concern here isn't that he hasn't posted it, because honestly, guys just don't think like that. Guys aren't trained or even really motivated to broadcast their relationships status. The concern is that you're skittish about speaking up for your needs. Obviously, this is something that is important to you, and just like anything else that's important to you, you need to feel comfortable communicating it.

I think your worry and nervousness surrounding the situation speaks volumes about your relationship with him... and with yourself. So I suggest you ask yourself where the root of the fear comes from and work with that. When we look inside at our fears, great growth can arise. Here's to growing!

Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker: It's only been a couple of months, and your relationship isn't defined by your relationship status on Facebook. Is it really *that* big of a deal? You can ruin a good thing when you think too much about the relationship, where things are going and why he hasn't changed his Facebook status.

If everything is going great and you enjoy spending time and doing things together, then just be in the moment and appreciate where you are at in the relationship right now! Try not to worry about something so trivial as Facebook relationship status. It will all come in due time.

Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Before you do anything or even get worried, you need to talk to him. If this guy is as great as he sounds, then you should be open with him and just ask! Don't make it serious or dramatic; just casually ask how he sees the relationship. It's very possible making the relationship "Facebook official" hasn't even crossed his mind. A lot of guys aren't as into Facebook or really any type of social media, so he may not know how meaningful it is to you.

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**Tell us: Is your Facebook relationship status important to you? Why or why not?**

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# Q&A: Is It Okay If My Boyfriend and I Text Each Other to Stay in Touch?



**Question from Ashley G.:** *My boyfriend and I live about 100 miles apart. We're both really busy people, so most days, the most we talk is just a text saying "Hi, I love you and hope you had a good day." My roommate thinks this is ridiculous and says we're not in a real relationship. Is it okay if my boyfriend and I only text each other instead of calling?*

**Answer from Our Love Experts:**

**Tristan Coopersmith, Love Stylist:** First off, only YOU can determine if your relationship is a real relationship. What works for you may or may not be the same thing as what works for your roommate.

Secondly, no matter who you are, there are TWO questions that you can ask to measure your relationship potential by: 1) Are you getting your needs met? Is the texting satisfying enough to you or do you crave more?, and 2) Is your relationship on a growth path? Is the way that you two connect moving your relationship forward, or is it just hanging out collecting dust? If you answer "YES" to both of these questions, your relationship is working for you, making it oh so very real. But if you answered "NO" to one or both questions, it may be time to re-examine the value of this relationship. Good luck!

**Suzanne Oshima, Matchmaker:** A long-distance relationship actually takes a lot more work and effort than a relationship

where you both live in the same city. Because you can't see your boyfriend in person, your only option to connect with him is through virtual forms of communication.

Texting is great for a quick flirt or to let him know you're thinking of him during your busy workday. However, texting should never be the full premise of a long-distance relationship. To keep your love going, phone calls and Skype are much better for connecting on a more intimate level.

And the truth of the matter is...when it comes to a relationship, no matter how "busy" you both are, you will make time for those things that are important to you.

**Paige Wyatt, Reality Star:** The relationship between you and your boyfriend is whatever you want it to be. If just texting occasionally makes you both happy, then what's wrong with that? Being busy makes it really hard to keep a relationship strong, especially a long-distance one since it requires a lot more time on your phone or computer. Your relationship seems low-maintenance and easy to be in with a busy schedule. If this type of relationship is working for you, then don't change a thing.

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**Tell us: How have you made a long-distance relationship work?**