

Relationship Advice: How to Get Engaged at Any Age



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and [relationship expert Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to love and dating coach Jaki Sabourin about how to get engaged at any age. Watch the video above for their best relationship advice!

Relationship Advice to Help You Get Engaged at Any Age

Sabourin's four-step process will help you get that rock on your finger:

1. First, you need a vision: Without a vision, we have nothing

to strive for. “Get clear about what you want and *why* you want it,” the dating coach says. Why you want something will help you have the strength to overcome obstacles when they come (because they will come).

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2. Next, you must believe in yourself: Without believing you can achieve your vision, how will it ever come true? Sabourin encourages you to start building your belief by saying your affirmations out loud – something like, “I have a man who loves and adores me.” Say it again and again until you truly believe it.

3. Now is the time to take action: All of the dating advice in the world is useless without action. Where is the best action at? It’s outside of your comfort zone – or the “known zone,” as the relationship expert calls it. “We have to step out of our comfort zone and take more risks, so we can live a bigger life,” she adds.

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4. Finally, consider your results: This is the time to evaluate what your vision, belief, and actions have created. If you don’t like it, your vision, belief, and actions weren’t strong enough. Develop a clear image of what you want, and start the process over again until you create the life you want.

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Dating Advice for Women: How to Break Your Dating Patterns



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and [relationship expert](#) Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship strategist and dating coach Cyndi Olin about three ways to break your dating patterns – and every woman has them, so don't think that you don't! Listen to their expert dating advice in the video above.

Relationship Experts Discuss How to

Break Your Dating Patterns

1. Date more than one person: “A lot of women don’t date,” Olin warns. “They just get into relationship after relationship.” Instead, date more than one person at a time. Men often do the same thing, but they may not share it with you. Stand in your power and explain your motivations. Say something like, “I like to take my time in important areas of my life, and getting to know someone takes time.” Remember that the wrong guys will walk away, but the right ones will stick around. “Be committed to dating and opening up that journey,” she adds.

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2. Ask for help when it comes to your blind spots: “You need to get really clear about what you deeply desire in a partnership and what you’re not willing to accept,” the dating coach explains. Think about those fabulous five must-haves that you want in a partner. It doesn’t take a lot of time to figure out if someone aligns with you, but asking someone who supports you for help will make it even easier to see the truth. “It can be very difficult to unfold on your own – it can take some dissecting when it comes to getting clear,” she says. It’s even more difficult if you have a lot of chemistry with someone – you become blinded by your emotions!

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3. Focus on what you want: If you want big love and a partnership that lasts a lifetime, set that intention, take the inspired action to move forward, and let go of the outcome. “That can be easier said than done, but if you’re following the first two steps, you really can let go,” Olin shares. “Look at what worked well for you in the past, what didn’t work well. Is there a golden thread in your past

relationships?”

“We all have patterns – I guarantee it,” she says. “And they can all be broken.”

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Dating Advice Video: Dating After Heartbreak



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's Single in Stilettos [dating advice video](#), founder Suzanne Oshima talks to [relationship expert Iris Benrubi](#) about dating after heartbreak. First, it's important to note that it's okay to put a wall up. "It's actually a good thing," Benrubi explains. "It's a coping strategy." You've just been hurt, so it's completely understandable that you want to go back into your shell and do some grieving. It can, however, become ineffective if you stay there. Continue reading for three things to know about dating after heartbreak!

Relationship Expert Iris Benrubi Shares Her Best Dating Advice

1. Everyone's anxious after heartbreak: In fact, being anxious is a way of taking care of yourself – it's completely normal. You need to pay attention to how your anxiety shows up in your relationships. "What do you do to keep yourself safe? And is it working?" Benrubi asks. "You want to see how that anxiety is either moving you towards a relationship or moving you away." You should be learning to manage your emotions – through breathing or meditation – so that you're ready to risk your heart again.

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2. Consider what you learned from your last relationship: Don't come from a place of blame, but think about what you were responsible for. Did I speak up enough? Was I too harsh? How can I do things differently in the next relationship? "Our lives are about maturing and growing and evolving," the relationship expert shares. "As unfortunate as a break-up is, it's actually an opportunity to become a better version of yourself." This piece of dating advice is very positive and future-focused – which is a good thing!

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3. Be clear on what you're looking for: Develop a list of 10 must-haves to give you a solid foundation of what you need in a partner. That way, when you're dating again, you have a clear picture of whether or not he fits into the future you want. By doing so, you'll be less likely to get into another relationship that doesn't meet your needs.

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Dating Advice Video: Stop Settling for Men Who Don't Deserve You!





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On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to [relationship author](#) Tinzley Bradford about how to stop settling for men who don't deserve you. Here, Bradford shares three signs that you're with the wrong man.

Relationship Author Reveals How to Stop Settling in Dating Advice Video

1. You're unhappy: "If you're constantly unhappy with how you're being treated, you're settling," Bradford shares. "Love and a healthy relationship does not create confusion or make you feel unhappy, unstable, or even uncertain." You should be in a relationship with someone who brings out the best in you and makes you feel good about yourself.

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2. Your relationship isn't reciprocal: "It takes two to tango,

baby!” Bradford exclaims. If you’re always giving but never getting enough back, you’re settling. You deserve a man who loves you just as much as you love him. “He’s got to be doing his part in your relationship,” the relationship author adds.

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3. You feel guilty for being you: “If you’re in a relationship with a guy who’s competing against you, belittling your dreams, and not being excited about your success, you don’t need to be with that person” she shares. You should never be with someone who makes you feel guilty for wanting to shine.

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Relationship Experts Discuss How to Get Men to Pursue You in Dating Advice Video

1. Smile: With this piece of expert dating advice, Olin reminds us of the saying, "Your presence is a present." Walk out the door, be present in your body, and smile – and you can attract men like crazy. Eye contact and compliments pair well with a smile. "That's like a 'come over' signal," she explains. "90 percent of the time, a man will approach you and at least start talking to you. It's all about your energy."

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2. Engage with them: "There's a lot of advice out there,

including to let a man lead,” Olin shares. “While I believe that, men are confused when it comes to modern dating.” Men are often very careful as a way to ensure that they’re respecting you. Have a belief deep down in your soul that men are good people, and make an effort to get to know them. Remember: Your vibe attracts your tribe.

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3. Let go: After you smile and engage with them, let them be the one to pursue you, to call you more. “You’re not pursuing. You’re a friendly receptor of light,” Olin says. “You want him to pursue you, and he’s looking for permission to do that.”

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Expert Relationship Advice to Make a Man Fall in Love & Commit

First, it's important to note that it's not really "things" that make a man fall in love and commit. "They're traits – traits that you can develop in yourself," Sabourin explains.

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1. The first trait is your high-value status: "It's your job to present and project and create this perception that you have a high value," the dating coach says. "And how you do that is to accept yourself." Don't turn over your significance to a man – your personal value needs to come from within. She adds, "Of course, any man who is looking for a woman to spend

his life with wants a woman who has a high regard for herself.”

2. The second trait is vulnerability: You need to balance your strong sense of self-worth with vulnerability to avoid coming across as too masculine, aloof, or conceited. “You have to create a space of openness with a man so he can come in,” Sabourin says. “Vulnerability is really about sharing things about yourself, not being afraid to show who you really are.” Tell him things that will inspire him to take care of you.

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What about a woman who thinks being vulnerable will make her appear weak? “Ladies, look at that, because that tells me you’re protecting your heart and you have a defense up,” Sabourin shares. “When you have a defense up, it’s like a wall, a fence, that keeps the love and relationship you want out.” There’s so much power in vulnerability: It shows that you love and accept yourself, that you’ve been hurt but that you’re open to something new.

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Dating Advice Video: Why Smart, Successful Women Can

Fail at Love



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On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to [relationship author](#) Duana Welch about why smart, successful women can fail at love. "I was in grad school getting a doctorate in the social sciences, and I realized that I was pretty good at that, but I really wasn't good at love," Welch shares. "I knew there was something that I was doing wrong – because the common denominator in all of my relationships was *me*." Here, she shares three reasons why succeeding at love is hard for so many women.

Relationship Author Duana Welch Is Interviewed in Dating Advice Video

1. The things women do to succeed at work don't work in the

world of dating: At work, women are told to put themselves forward, pursue what they want, and lead their co-workers, but in a relationship, those qualities are often unrewarded. “Research shows that women who routinely pursue men are seen as low-status and not good wife material,” Welch explains. “I hate that!”

“If I liked a man...I was kind of shoving myself down his throat,” the relationship author adds of her own dating mishaps. “Of course, I didn’t see it that way. There’s never been a perfume called Desperation, and there never will be. But in the world of work, that stuff works.”

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2. Some men hold a woman’s success against her: There was a study done where researchers put up two identical dating profiles. One emphasized the woman being young and beautiful, while the other focused on her being an educated, high-powered attorney. Unfortunately, it’s no surprise that the first profile got a lot more hits. “One reason is because men respond to youth and beauty, but it’s also because men are intimidated by women who have achieved more than they have,” Welch explains.

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3. We have a confirmation bias: In other words, we see what we want to see. “You fall in bed and fall in love, and then you find out the dealbreakers,” Welch shares. Instead, spare yourself the pain and take early action to determine your must-haves and dealbreakers. Then, you’ll be able to make a more informed decisions about your emotions.

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Expert Dating Advice: What's Blocking Me From Finding Love?



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Relationship Expert Iris Benrubi Shares Her Best Dating Advice

1. You don't understand your attachment strategy: "It comes from your childhood when you were totally dependent on your parents. You had to decide, Can I depend on them or not?" Benrubi explains. For instance, if you had a parent who was inconsistent, you may have developed an anxious attachment strategy, meaning you're always gauging how close someone is and tend to chase after men. Or if you had a parent who just disappeared, you most likely developed an avoidant attachment style and tend to keep others at a distance. "You need to recognize what you bring to relationships and what you need to do move away from harmful attachment strategies," the relationship expert adds.

Benrubi also encourages you to learn how to manage your anxiety – whether it's with meditation, affirmations, breathing, or yoga. If you can't do it on your own, reach out to a professional for help.

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2. You move inwards after a break-up: It's so tempting to want to keep your heart safe and say, "I don't need a man." "Underneath that, the reality is that we need to be connected to another person romantically," Benrubi says. We're actually biologically wired to *need* people in our life, so don't let the fear of getting hurt again hold you back from a relationship. "Of course, we can all survive on our own, but we really want to be with that right person," Oshima adds.

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3. You don't know your own worth "In order to get into a relationship with a good man, we need to get really clear on our value," Benrubi shares. If you've been in a partnership

with someone who puts you down or had a childhood where you were dismissed or felt invisible, you may try to earn a man's love. "When you're in that 'earn energy,' he's up here, and you're down here. You're always dog paddling and trying to figure out what you need to do next," she explains. "It's exhausting." If you want a man who respects you, you have to respect yourself first.

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Expert Dating Advice: What to Do When He Disappears





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On this week's [Single in Stiletto's dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship author Wendy Newman to discuss what to do when a man disappears and offer their best [expert dating advice](#). "It's heartbreaking; it's horrible because you don't get closure," Oshima says. Here, Newman shares why men often disappear and the best ways to handle this devastating dating occurrence.

Relationship Author Wendy Newman Shares Expert Dating Advice

First, there are two main culprits for why he just disappears. Let's say you have an amazing time together and you can tell he's just as into you as you are to him. Then, suddenly, he's gone. "What I'm guessing happened is, he got home and started reconciling all of the conversations that you had," Newman explains. "He could see that there was a dealbreaker in there that didn't stop him in the moment because you are so charming and enchanting. But after he came down from the high of the date, he thought, "Oh, shoot." Men don't call again because they feel like they don't owe us anything because there's no

relationship yet. “They think they’re doing us a favor by just disappearing,” the relationship author adds. “They don’t understand how that drives us insane.”

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Another reason he may disappear is because, although he thinks you’re wonderful, it’s just not the right time for a serious relationship. He sees that you’re the whole package – a delicious, gourmet meal – but all he has an appetite for right now is ice cream. Newman emphasizes that “timing is a big piece of dating.”

Since you may never know why he really disappeared, Newman suggests making up the most empowering interpretation of the situation, giving yourself the closure you need to move on. In her personal experience, sometimes, this made-up interpretation can turn out to be true! Most importantly, remember that the reason why men disappear usually has nothing to do with *you*. Keep reminding yourself of your self-worth – maybe, just maybe, you were simply too good for him.

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If you still need to alleviate some heartache, draft an e-mail to him and thank him for all of the parts of him and the date that you found enjoyable and memorable. Tell him that you had a great time with him and let him know that you understand there must not have been a connection for him. You don’t have to hit send – just do whatever you need to do to feel better. “Don’t have any expectations – you may get a response, and you may not,” Oshima says. “Either way, you just have to let it go and move on.”

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Relationship Advice to Help You Emotionally Connect with a Man

Here are three ways that women can connect emotionally with a man:

1. Be *interested* instead of *interesting*: The fastest way to connect emotionally is to be curious about your date. “When we’re trying to be interesting, we’re nervous and feeling self-conscious. We really fail to notice the man in front of us – who he is, the red flags, what he’s doing,” Sabourin explains. Being interested in him will encourage him to lower his guard and really tell you about himself. “Get curious!” Oshima adds.

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2. Be *vulnerable*: Be open and honest. Real vulnerability comes from a place of being able to accept yourself. “You’re going to be able to be vulnerable with a man directly proportionate to your ability to accept who you are,” the dating coach says. Vulnerability is very attractive because it’s real, and being as real as possible will create a connection right away.

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3. Be *less agreeable*: It’s a big turn-off when a woman just wants to please a man. “They want to know what your likes are, what turns you on, what gets you excited about life,” Sabourin shares. “Be a little more sassy and stand in your truth.”

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1. Men are actually very sensitive: Women often think men aren't sensitive, but that's just not the case. "In order to feel connected, they need to feel heard and needed," Olin shares. "And if they don't feel those two things from a woman, they're not going to be fully connected or engaged with her." As much as you want him to understand you, he wants to feel understood as well. "Be curious about him," Olin adds.

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2. Men want to feel needed: Expanding on the first secret about men, they also want to feel respectfully needed. "Allowing him to support you is something that fills *him* up," Olin explains. "It's so important for women to realize that, as strong and independent as we are, we love a man who can take care of things for us, who can handle things for us," Oshima says.

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3. Men want to feel appreciated: If he feels appreciated for the things that he does, he's going to do it ten-fold. "In fact, you won't feel like, in your relationships, you have to do all of the heavy lifting," the relationship coach explains. "He's going to do more and more." Plus, he'll continue to build you up and support you if he feels like you're doing the same for him.

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Expert Dating Advice: How Can I Find Out More About Him Before I Commit?



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to [relationship author](#) Duana Welch about how you can find out more about someone before you commit. "Ladies, I don't want you jumping into a relationship with someone until you really know important things about him," Oshima explains. So listen up to this expert dating advice!

Relationship Author Duana Welch Shares Her Best Dating Advice

1. Leverage your contact with his friends and family: If he's crazy about you, he'll want to introduce you to his friends early on. If he keeps you out of his inner circle, he's sending a message. When you do meet them, "listen to what they say about him," Welch shares.

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2. Ask him about his ex: Specifically, ask him what she would say is the reason they broke up. In Welch's experience, men answer this question honestly. "You need to listen to his answer – is that something you can live with?" she says. For example, one man said his ex-wife thought he was a slob – and he really was! "Some women are cool with that, but most aren't," Welch adds.

3. Google is your friend: Almost everybody has a media footprint. "Studies show that the way people present themselves on social media is actually pretty accurate," the relationship author explains. "You would think people would project the image they want, but most people don't."

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4. Look at what they do: Give their actions five times the weight of their words. "Some men are really good at saying what a women wants to hear, so I always say to my clients, 'Watch their actions,'" Oshima says. Also, remember that honest people don't proclaim how honest they are. "They make an assumption that they are honest and that the world is honest," Welch adds.

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Dating Advice Video: Can I Change a Man?



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

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their man.”

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1. You're not his mother: You don't want to be in a relationship where you're the mommy and he's the child. You have to accept him for the way he is. “You don't get to shape him. You don't have a say in whether he measures up or not,” Benrubi explains.

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2. Any change that he makes for you isn't sustainable: One of the top two mistakes that women make is falling in love with a man's potential. “If only he would...” If he starts communicating more because you want him to, not because it's part of who he is, it's never going to last. “Have you ever tried to get fit or go on a diet for somebody else?” the relationship expert asks. “It doesn't last that long because the motivation isn't in there.” If a man wants to change something about himself, great. Otherwise, accept him where he's at, or move forward if he can't be what you need.

3. Be clear about what you want: If a guy who dresses nice is important to you, then make that known. If not, let it go. “You have to decide what you're looking for,” Benrubi says. “Are you looking for the external? Or are you looking for the internal – a guy who loves you and accepts you the way you are?”

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So if you can't change a man, can you inspire him to want to change? Start by telling him how you're feeling – that helps him be receptive to your request. Then, share what you need from him in a way that's respectful. Finish by explaining what

this change would do for you. “A good man ultimately wants to make you happy,” Benrubi shares.

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1. Act as if you already know him and be energetic: Start the conversation as you would with a best friend and simply ask him how his week has been or how he's doing. "It shows that you're interested in him as a whole person instead of the checklist items you have that you want to check off," Newman explains. "And it has the conversation start so organically that it can go anywhere." Oftentimes, if you zip your lips and just listen, he'll open up quickly and let you get to know him right off the bat. Of being energetic, Oshima adds, "Enthusiasm attracts people – it brings them in."

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2. Focus on broad questions: Avoid interview questions: Don't ask him how many people he manages or how long he's worked somewhere. Instead, ask questions like, "What do you love about your life?" or "What's coming up that you're really looking forward to?" "Ask really broad questions where he can go shallow or he can go deep," the relationship author says. "And if the answer is 'nothing' to all of those questions, that's really important information for you to have."

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3. Give him 30 seconds of silence: Be willing to be engaged in the conversation, but after he's done talking, give him a little bit of time to see if he has anything else to add. "This is completely counterintuitive to women," the

relationship author shares. “Women are squirming in their seats after five seconds, but men’s brains are designed differently than our’s.” If you want him to say more, you have to give him a chance.

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Relationship Author Gives Dating Advice

1. Are you looking for a long-term relationship? "That is a question that you have to ask," Bradford says. There's no use in wasting your time with someone who tells you up front that they just want to have some fun or date casually. If you know you're looking for something long-term, then you should be dating someone who's looking for the same thing. Unfortunately, a lot of men get scared by this question, so it's helpful to start with a disclosure statement: "I don't want to scare you or make you think I'm jumping too far ahead, but I'd love to know if you're looking for a long-term relationship."

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2. Why are you interested in me? This question, which you should ask after several dates, will help you figure out if he's interested in the way you look or if he's *truly* interested in who you are. For it to last, it has to be more than just your physical attributes.

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3. Are you single? You have to know! “Don’t wait for him to say, ‘Oh, I thought you knew when you saw the ring,’” the relationship author shares. “If he’s asking you questions that lead you to believe you won’t be exclusive with him, I’d be very skeptical.” Oshima adds, “I think women would actually be surprised at how many men are married or in a relationship already.”

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Dating Advice Video: Stop Attracting Emotionally Unavailable Men





By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to dating coach Jaki Sabourin about how to stop attracting emotionally unavailable men. Don't miss their [expert dating advice!](#)

Jaki Sabourin Shares Expert Dating Advice

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1. Stop yourself from being emotionally unavailable: As Sabourin explains, according to the Law of Attraction, like attracts like – so if you show signs of being emotionally unavailable, you'll attract a partner with similar qualities. Instead, start creating a sense of emotional availability when interacting with men. For instance, if you go out with a guy who's angry, don't withdraw from him. Show compassion and try to get him to open up by asking him questions.

2. Get past your own insecurities and take bigger risks: Ask him sensitive questions that will encourage him to open up to

you. Oftentimes, the cause of a man's emotional unavailability is his own past and pain. Begin by asking him questions like, "What have you gone through?" and "Is there something that's holding you back from finding love?"

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3. Get over your fear of rejection: When we're afraid of getting hurt, it's easy to withdraw and disconnect ourselves from our partners. By talking to your partner with care and gentleness, you'll help him realize that he's truly missing out on love by putting up such a strong defense. Remember that there is no perfect man or woman. Relationships are all about relating to each other in ways that strengthen your connection.

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Expert Dating Advice: Beware of These Kinds of Relationships





By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to dating coach Cyndi Olin about what types of relationships to beware of. Plus, they share their best [expert dating advice](#) for how to handle them.

Cyndi Olin Shares Expert Dating Advice

1. The “fast and furious” relationship: In this type of relationship, you have chemistry immediately and quickly go from one date to spending all of your time together. This guy moves from “zero to sixty.” As Olin explains, “What is common in these types of relationships is...the men who have them are inadvertently chemically attracted to women who are really wanting to feel loved.” While it may seem like a fairy tale at first, after six weeks to three months, the man unexpectedly puts the brakes on. He may disappear completely; he may stop calling you; he may tell you he’s not ready for a relationship.

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But why does he do it? “It starts to become real and isn’t just a fantasy anymore,” Olin shares. “In the beginning, he’s in a drunken haze – he’s enjoying his time with you, but it’s not based on reality.” The relationship never had an opportunity to build the strong foundation that it needed to last.

So ladies, it’s up to you to control the pace of the relationship. “It’s not a race to the finish line,” Oshima adds. Don’t let the fear of losing him keep you from slowing things down. Always make sure you’re comfortable with the pace of your relationship, and remember that taking it slow allows him to truly get to know you.

2. A relationship with a narcissistic, psychopathic man: It’s no surprise that this type of relationship can be very dangerous. These men can be very charming and alluring, but everything is always about them. “They will do all of the work until they get you hooked. They can be very patient with the right women,” Olin says. Women become so attached to these men that they find themselves going back to them even though they know they’re not good for them.

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Eventually, he will start to criticize you. Nothing is ever good enough, and you’ll find yourself feeling confined, almost as if you’re in a box. “Oftentimes, women will try to prove themselves in the relationship and start giving more than he is. The balance of the relationship becomes off,” the dating coach explains. “The woman becomes unhappy, and he becomes more powerful and power-hungry.”

Can either of these relationships ever work? For the first type of relationship, the answer is yes. As a woman, you can control the pace of the relationship, building a strong foundation of lasting love. For the second type of

relationship, it depends on the man and just how narcissistic or psychopathic he is. If he wants to break his habits and truly find love, it is possible to have a happy partnership. It's important to remember that, for any relationship, a man has to be willing to work on himself.

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Dating Advice Video: How to Find Love



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's Single in Stiletto's [dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to [relationship expert](#) Iris Benrubi about her top three tips to help you find love.

Relationship Expert Iris Benrubi Shares Her Tips for Finding Love

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1. Know your own worth: This tip is especially important for women going through a break-up or divorce, as feelings of resignation and desperation can cloud your perception of yourself. "When we own our value, we start to get clear on what it is that we're looking for, and then, we become the chooser," Benrubi explains. "And that gives us a lot of power." It's also important to build your self-confidence back up *before* you start dating again.

2. Trust yourself: Increase your ability to trust yourself by connecting with your intuition. "Our head can really play tricks on us," the relationship expert says. But our intuition lives in our body, so dig deep and think about how certain things make you *feel*. Each person will have their own ways of understanding their intuition and how their body responds to a yes and a no. For instance, to get clear on your no's, think about a recent ex and how he or she makes your body feel. Always remember that your intuition can't point you in the wrong direction.

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3. Recognize when a man is emotionally unavailable: There are certain behaviors to look out for: He doesn't follow-up or

communicate between dates; he's dismissive; he's not interested in learning more about you. Don't ignore these red flags! Instead, address them with him; doing so will help you determine if he's truly capable of fulfilling your needs in a relationship. "Watch a man's actions; don't listen to his words," Oshima adds.

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Dating Advice Video: 5 Biggest Turn-0ns for a Man



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's Single in Stiletto's [dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship author Tinzley Bradford to discuss the five biggest turn-ons for men and offer their best [relationship advice](#). Bradford shares five tips for how to attract men and reveals once and for all what turns a man on.

Relationship Author Gives Dating Advice

1. Be confident: No one will be surprised by this piece of dating advice: If you know your worth and are proud of who you are, men will notice you. They'll be drawn to your positive energy. "I always say, confidence is so sexy in a man or a woman," Oshima adds.

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2. Be independent: Some men may be intimidated by this quality, but the right man will be attracted to you *because* of it. "I think a man just loves a woman who has her own," Bradford says. You don't want to run someone away with your independence, but it's important that you have your own life and own your own car, home, business – whatever matters to you.

3. Make an effort to look beautiful: "Men are always turned on by a woman who dresses good, smells good, and keeps herself looking good!" enthuses Bradford. Of course, you have days where you just don't have the energy to make an effort with your appearance, but don't get into a rut of wearing sweatpants and throwing your hair into a messy bun. Building off of the first two pieces of dating advice, there's nothing more attractive than a woman who takes care of herself.

4. Be smart and witty: Bring some fresh ideas to the table! Wow a man with your knowledge and what you bring to the relationship. “He looks at it as an added bonus: Not only is she beautiful, confident, has her own, but she’s smart, and she’s bringing something new to the relationship,” Bradford explains.

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5. Be polite: It’s simple: Men like a friendly, approachable woman. Don’t scare someone away with a bad attitude! Instead, stand out in the crowd by being vibrant, positive, and polite. “Always say thank you!” Oshima adds. “When a man takes you out, say thank you. A lot of people forget those two little words.”

And a bonus tip: **Give compliments.**

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Dating Advice Video: 5 Ways Women Sabotage Themselves with Men





By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's [Single in Stiletto's dating advice video](#), founder and relationship expert Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship author Robert Manni to discuss how women sabotage themselves with men and offer their best [relationship advice](#). Here are five ways that women sabotage themselves when looking for love.

Relationship Author Gives Dating Advice

1. You're not in it to win it: You may say you want to find love, but instead of going out to a new spot where you can actually meet someone, you find yourself in a routine of dinner at home and TV time. "You have to put yourself out there. You have to be willing to fail to be able to succeed," Manni explains.

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2. You're always plugged in: Put your phone down! If you're

walking around New York City with your earbuds in and music blaring, you're presenting yourself as closed off and unavailable. It's hard for a guy to ask an open-ended question or chat you up when you're walled off through technology. Oshima adds, "Those are barriers to meeting someone organically."

3. You're not fishing where the fish are: "Go where the guys are!" the relationship author says. You can find guys are at sporting events, at the football field, at a tech store, at a whiskey tasting, or at the gym. Think about your brother and his friends – where do they often go?

4. You're always with a group of girlfriends: It's no secret that a pack of women can be overwhelming! Guys are wondering how to handle the group dynamics and just focus on the woman they're truly interested in. Instead, make it easier for them and single yourself out.

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5. You're too attached to your list: This is one of the most important ways that women sabotage themselves. "If you stick too closely to your list, you're going to narrow down your opportunities," Manni explains. "And the longer you're single, the longer your list grows." Make sure your list only includes a few core qualities that are value-oriented and be flexible about your physical type.

A bonus way that women sabotage themselves with men: **You throw someone back in the dating pool too quickly.** One bad coffee date does not mean the relationship is doomed! "Love grows if you keep an open heart," the relationship author says. "It can turn into something spectacular if you give love a chance."

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Expert Dating Advice: Flirting for Fun



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

On this week's episode of Single in Stilettos, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert PJ Dixon to offer their best [dating advice](#) on flirting for fun. Find out how you can flirt as a women over 40 with the two dating tips below!

Expert Dating Advice to Help Women Flirt for Fun

1. Follow the “yes and” rule: Here, we’re taking a cue from improv comedy classes. Men like to banter and play, so by following the “yes and” rule, you accept what he’s doing (yes) and add to it (and). “Take his joking and continue to roll with it,” Dixon says. “This playfulness creates a sense of equality. In essence, you’re becoming partners with play.”

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2. Use your senses: Focus on your five senses: sight, smell, touch, taste, and sound. For example, use your eyes to stare at someone a little longer than normal and get their attention. If a man comments on your perfume, take his hand, spray a bit on his wrist, and say something like, “Now, you can think of me all day.” Touch him on his chest as a flirty way to tell him you like him. To use your sense of taste, share an appetizer or even feed each other. If you’re planning on kissing him, use a lipgloss with a subtle flavor. Lastly, soften your voice and slow down in your speaking to draw him in. “All of these senses are beautiful,” adds Dixon.

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Most importantly, as Dixon says, “There are all kinds of ways that you can flirt and tease and be playful.” Have fun with it!

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Dating Advice: Times Women Say 'Yes,' But Shouldn't



On this week's episode of Single in Stilettos, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Duana Welch to offer their best [dating advice](#) on how to stand firm on your beliefs. Find out how you can say no to things you don't want without losing his affection with the following dating tips!

Dating advice that will save you from making a mistake.

1. **Don't agree to hang out.** You need to show a man how you

want to be treated by setting standards. Only say yes when he asks you out on a proper date. Reject all requests that are optional or casual hang outs like “Netflix and Chill.” A man that wants you will get the hint and put in the effort for chase. So keep yourself busy until he puts in the work, and only make yourself available for real dates.

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2. Say yes to fun. Happy couples have more positive interactions than they do negative. Take time to enjoy your time together or else your relationship is doomed to fail. Also try to avoid gridlock, meaning your problems never get solved. If you only get what you want with a threat, it’s never going to work. You have to care about each other’s happiness.

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3. Ask if it’s worth it. At some point in the relationship there will be a betrayal. One person will have expectations that aren’t met in a serious manner. If you decide you want to salvage what you have together, you need to ask yourself if it’s worth the effort before saying yes. You may just realize that it’s not and save yourself from wasted time.

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Dating Advice: What to Do When He Says, 'I'm Not in Love With You!



On this week's episode of Single in Stiletto, founder and matchmaker Suzanne Oshima talks to relationship expert Jed Diamond to offer their best [dating advice](#) on how to cope without his love. Find out how you can tell him without losing his affection with the following dating tips!

Dating advice that will help you deal with rejection.

1. Don't freak out. It's shocking to hear the man you love doesn't feel the same way, but you need to remain calm and

hear him out. There could be numerous reasons why he is saying this to you and it could be possible he misspoke. It's your job to listen and find out why his feelings have changed.

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2. Find out more. Talking it out can be scary, but it needs to happen. The best way to heal is to find out more. You can't take this news as everything being over. He's telling you this information because the relationship means something to him and he wants to save it. Your relationship needs to go deeper to be fixed.

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3. Disillusionment. This step comes in after the panic and conversation has gotten over. Typically, both parties will acknowledge that the relationship isn't what it used to be and may blame each other. But you and your significant other need to be honest with yourselves and work together to get back on track.

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Dating advice that will help you say no means no!

1. Tell him. You just need to be honest about how you're feeling. Whether it's due to a spiritual reason, or wanting to take things slow, you have to be open about why you don't want to have sex. If you don't, the man you're with may think you're not attracted to him. So tell him how you feel before a

misunderstanding occurs.

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2. Be careful. If you go out with him and you know you're not interested in having sex, you need to prevent yourself from entering awkward situations or temptation. This means you may have to decline invitations to spend the night. There's no reason to put yourself in an intimate position if you don't want to go all the way.

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3. Find out. Aside from being honest with a man, you need to find out his intentions for yourself. Ask him how he feels about you not wanting to have sex. This will help you weed out the men who only see you as a booty call. A man that's really interested in getting to know you will put in the effort regardless of sex.

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