

THE INTERNET DATING SCENE

First Of All, Congratulations!

The fact that you are reading this is an incontestable proof that you are interested in finding love, an area of life which if left unfulfilled, can and will lead to major complications in your personal life, as well as in your interpersonal relationships.

Apart from the sociological rationale coining the human as a social animal, it is a fact that we do need someone else, physically as well as spiritually.

However, some people are more shy than others, not that socially extroverted, or simply shut-ins, who just cannot talk to someone else without a good deal of blushing.

You have come to the right place.

We have researched hundreds of dating sites across the internet and found the best ones rated on ease of use, quality of members, features and user opinion.

THE INTERNET REVOLUTION

The Internet is a great opportunity to connect people in all areas of life. Because of its architectural features, the web offers a unique means by which people can explore their conscious and unconscious components of their psyche, hopefully achieving a total realization of themselves.

But not always.

Let's not forget that our worst characteristics can surface once we hide behind the mask of anonymity. Because when online one will almost inevitably act on his/her unconscious motivations (besides according to conscious preferences and choices) in selecting friends, lovers, and enemies, we are guided towards specific types of people who address our underlying emotions and needs.

How sure are you, about the nature of your underlying motives, your hidden expectations, wishes, and fears that press towards the selection of your counterparts on the Internet? Baby, scaring you is the last thing we would like to do, but you know, it would be nice to keep in mind this one: Everywhere you go you will find . . . YOU!

WELCOME!

That said, we will guide you through the magic of Internet dating, the right sites to go to have a good time with friends, mates, and more.

Often for free, sometimes for a fee. Keep in mind by paying for a service you gain access to its premium areas, much like with television. By paying for certain select channels (in line with your interests) you get to watch what you want, not just a mash of pre-selected mind number.

To begin with, you must understand that there are in general two major types of matchmaking sites:

1. Introduction services where "professionals" match you with compatible mates based on specific criteria
2. The traditional online services where you choose your own mates by searching through member profiles.

Basically, what you are supposed to do on the latter ones is create a personal ad or profile about yourself and select who you would like to meet.

Let's begin.

CREATING A PROFILE

First thing to remember here is: Express yourself.

Avoid lying about yourself, like saying you weigh 145 lbs. when you are 230 lbs., but simply letting your personality show!

For example, instead of saying "I enjoy movies, music, and going out" you could say "Kind of adventurous girl who listens to AC/DC, loves tiny things, a late night once in awhile and who is equally happy to make it a "Blockbuster" night."

Additionally, it is always good to show you have a sense of humor. For instance, instead of just saying I have one. Okay, we guess you already have it -- the idea is to make yourself stand out from the rest. So, say it with us: I SHALL USE DETAILS!

Do include your age in your ad; but, if you would rather not give your exact age, just specify a range: "early thirties" or "mid fifties". And, of course, do not forget to give an age range for the person you seek, specifically stating if

you are looking for someone outside of your range (always nice by the way).

After fully describing your persona, or the ideal persona you want to be, depending on your intentions of switching the relationship off-line, you are expected to describe the person you are looking for. Easier than the first part, obviously. And of course, you can always add a picture for higher responsiveness. A picture is very important. To put it in perspective, if you are browsing classified ads for a car, you are more likely to skip over ones without pictures and check out the ones with pictures.

After creating your stellar profile, which pops up as much as it can, due to the all-encompassing specified range of your characteristics, you may want to set up a love agent as well, so that the profiles of the people you're looking for will be periodically emailed to you for review.

Do not forget: you must not include any contact information, that is to say, email addresses, phone numbers or web addresses.

You can always contact anyone you might be interested in. Usually the contact is 'anonymous' initially, meaning that your email address and other personal information is kept confidential until you and your potential date mutually agree. After exchanging email addresses, you may decide to move on, and the online matching service at this point is 'out of the loop'.

However, it's important to know that if you want a much broader range of selections, reach pre-qualified candidates, and access better communication options, you can expand your membership from a free one to a premium level for a small monthly fee.

Of course it is entirely up to you, depending on the fact whether you want to take it to the next level, or just keep it basic.

WHERE TO GO?

For a relatively long time we researched the online dating sites and came up with certain conclusions we'd like to share with you. We would never refer you to unprofessional, often unethical sites, which are out there just to get personal information from their subscribers and sell it to different sites that use it to spam users or for other questionable purposes.

So here are the top picks based on our research. To learn more about each site simply visit us at DrLoveDoc.com/dating-sites.html

Yahoo Personals

eHarmony.com

PerfectMatch.com

Yahoo Personals

American Singles

MatchMaker.com

Chemistry.com

Match.com

Date.com

True.com

Faith Dating

Catholic Mingle

Christian Mingle

JDate.com

BE CAREFUL!

Okay, by now you already know where to go, how to set up the online scene, and to position yourself in the process. At this point it's up to you to decide the extent to which you want your love affair go.

There are many people who are pretty happy exclusively engaging in the act of making love in a chat room or through emails and private messages (cyber sex), without ever hearing the voice of the other.

People participating in cybersex state that they have engaged in some of the most satisfying sex they have ever experienced. While it can be argued on the above declaration, one has to take into account that thanks to the disinhibiting effect of the online anonymity, people are able to act out morally unacceptable (mainly) sexual fantasies and needs that accounts for the joy of cybersex that these people talk about.

SWITCHING OFF-LINE

In order to succeed with Internet dating, an online romantic interest should be seen as a potential dating partner.

Once it is established that there is a potential for a relationship, the focus should shift to meeting on the phone and then meeting in person.

Mostly, Internet relationships should be considered incomplete relationships. While it may be argued on that whether humans can experience or not the wholeness of another individual through a screen and keyboard, a person who desires to meet potential mates online must be prepared to meet them offline as well.

However, please remember that on the Internet people tend to experiment with their identities, something that is not always intentional.

Often people feel satisfied by an Internet relationship not because this relationship is really successful, but just because their subconscious inclinations are temporarily satisfied. That's why once these relationships move offline they are destined to crumble since the altering of identity cannot be maintained without the online illusion.

On the other hand, on the Internet, all too often the image of the perfect partner is projected, and transferred. What appears to be the perfect soul mate is actually an illusion.

To some degree, transference during online interaction cannot be avoided.

After all, we are conditioned to rely on all our senses to interpret situations so that when some of the input is missing, our mind fills in the blank. The key, however, is to recognize that this occurs.

What this essentially means is that you understand that YOU are NOT somebody else, as you would like to be, and THE OTHER person is NOT who YOU would like them to be. Keep this in mind so you avoid dissatisfaction once switching the relationship offline.

Then there are "The Players." Not everyone on the Internet is honest and decent. Be cautious with your safety as well as your heart. To some people, an online romance is a game. Look for inconsistencies in what they say, and even more so when they pressure you to do something that you are uncomfortable with.

AVOIDING ONLINE VICTIMIZATION

Have you heard of properly "listening" to a person? That's what is crucial on the Internet.

Do they sound inconsistent in what they say?

The rule here is: Read what they are writing AND then pin them down on "iffy" details! Verifying that the other person is serious about the relationship involves calling them as well. Do it surprisingly, and see how welcome you are, and don't forget to do it again if you have doubts in your mind.

The keyword here is: feel beforehand so that you won't be disappointed later. On the other hand, a phone call reveals much about a person's communication and social skills. It is worth the cost of the call to learn about this person and it does all that good to your security as well.

Speaking of security, block your phone number beforehand or make arrangements to call from a pay phone; only when you feel completely comfortable should you furnish your phone number.

So you have already talked to this very special person over the phone and are thinking . . . "Do they look the way they described themselves during all those email exchanges?"

Get A Picture From Them.

Do NOT make the mistake to go and meet someone without seeing their

picture beforehand. And not just a picture, a Current Picture will tell the story for real. Simply do not believe justifications like, 'I don't have a scanner', or 'I don't have a camera'; getting a photo scanned is less than ten dollars, so there is little excuse for not doing it.

But how do we know if it is a current picture? Well, we are aware of the fact that it is tough to ask someone you are considering for a potential date to hold up the day's newspaper when taking a picture, but you know, you can always say that's the way you are used to handling the process . . .

Last but not least, before deciding to meet someone, run a background check on that person. There are services especially for those looking for love on the Internet that for a minimal small fee will allow you to find out some really interesting things about the person you are becoming interested in - even if these are not things you really wanted to know . . .

MEETING

First of all only meet someone when you are ready.

The beauty of meeting and relating online is that you can gradually collect information and then make a choice about pursuing the relationship in the real world. You are never obligated to meet anyone, regardless of your level of online intimacy. So you are just fine to go with your gut instincts, even when they can't be logically explained.

Never meet someone who argues against your instincts, finds logical flaws with your feelings or pressures you in any way. BUT when you do think that this 'special someone' is really 'special' and you feel very strongly for them, Meet Them Soon!

Before you make emotional investments, find out if they are the same in person as they were online. This will save you "feeling" for them online, living for their letters, only to find out that your online feelings did not translate "in real life" when you met them face to face.

When you make the choice to meet offline, always let other people you trust know with whom you are going out and when you will return. It is never a good idea to let your date pick you up at home, instead it would be more logical to provide your own transportation, and meet them at a public place like say a restaurant, cafe, or even the public library.

In case you are in some way afraid of your date, use your best judgment to get out of the situation. Excuse yourself long enough to call a friend for

advice, ask someone else on the scene for help, or just slip out and drive away.

Obviously your safety is much more important than one person's opinion of you.

IN CONCLUSION

While liars and imposters certainly are exhibiting their 'talents' on the Web, you'll also find them at cocktail parties, nightclubs, among the membership ranks of off-line dating services, and occasionally sitting across from you at the restaurant you often frequent.

Regardless of where, or how you meet someone, dating is never a risk-free activity, so a little bit of caution from your part is just fine.

We hope our Internet Dating guide has enlightened you on finding love online.

Remember, you will find your 'Special One'.

I always believe you create your own destiny so if you put it out there and invest your energy into finding your dream partner **it will happen**.

Thank you for reading our research efforts showing you the best love matching sites on the web. I have included links and reviews to all the sites mentioned in this guide at DrLoveDoc.com.

Signing up with the dating services mentioned throughout will only take a few minutes and the wealth of information you'll get is worth a lifetime. By trying all the services you will find out what works best for you. Plus the more hooks you have in the sea the more fish you're going to catch!

At the end of this process, we will truly be proud you made it by coupling your enthusiastic spirit with our kind and wise advice. Thank you and Good Luck!

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