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Online Dating Safety Tips!

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Online personals and dating is a great way to meet that special someone, however it is important to approach it with safety as your first priority. While most online services are very secure and do a good job at helping ensure your privacy and confidentiality, you are ultimately responsible for your own safety.

Most services do not pre-screen their users, therefore they cannot assume any responsibility for the people you meet through their sites. This officially grants you the title of screener, a responsibility which you must take very seriously. After all, if you are comfortable and feel secure online, you will

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have much more fun with online dating!

Here are a few good security tips:

1– Never reveal your last name or address to a stranger. If telephone numbers are exchanged, try to use a cell phone with a private number. If you call a stranger at home, always use caller ID blocking to maintain your privacy.

2– Do not use your primary EMAIL address for online dating correspondence – create an anonymous Email account (such as a Hotmail account) to correspond with potential dates.

3– If you decide to meet that special someone, always meet in a public place – NEVER meet in private

for your first date! Always let someone know where you are going.

4– Be honest about who you are and what you are seeking – do not reveal more than you normally would in a face to face first meeting. If your online contact attempts to pressure you into revealing more than you are comfortable with, re-evaluate his/her intentions.

5– Always review the security and confidentiality policy of the online dating service you are using. Many of the better known online dating sites have very good privacy policies. A comprehensive listing of major online dating sites is available at <http://www.cosmodating.com>

6– Don't rush into a face to face meeting – take your time, chat up a storm and get to know each other. Is the person on the other end being honest, or do you get the feeling they are just saying what you want to hear. You are the sole judge and jury in this love trial – use your best judgement!

In conclusion, safety should be your #1 priority as you venture into the world of online dating. Go slow, take your time to and get to know you potential dates. Like the song says, "Only fools rush in" – taking your time will only increase your chances of meeting that special someone and at the same time help weed out the bad seeds!

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The Single's Guide To Online Dating

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If you're single and you're willing to try out new avenues to dating then you should try out online dating. It's definitely fun, less expensive and easier than dating the regular way. You're also able to meet more people since the Internet lets you talk to people from all over the world! With online dating, there's no need to restrict yourself to dating the same old guys from your very small town (read: population of 817). With online dating, there's no such thing as social classes because it's open to everyone!

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The Virtual Places To Be For Online Dating - If you're now open to the idea of online dating, there are several cyber places that you could stop by and see if there's anyone who appeals to your taste. First stop would be the online dating sites.

These sites were primarily designed to help people meet others with the same interests as theirs and maybe forge a relationship later on. Online dating sites such as these require you to register for membership and maybe even pay to enjoy additional features of the website.

Then, these online dating sites would ask you to create a profile for your own so that other members would know a little about you. These profiles could be the key to catching the interest of your future Mr. or Ms. Right so make sure that you make your profile as interesting as possible - without lying about anything, of course. Most online dating sites also allow you to upload photos of yourself so if you're reasonably attractive, do make sure that you post your best picture.

The second place that allows you to date online is chat rooms such as those provided by MIRC or Yahoo. These chat rooms are usually divided or categorized according to region, race or interest. If you enter a chat room with the name Singles20–40, then you should expect to meet people belonging to that age group. It's imperative to choose a chat room that reflects your preferences to ensure that you'll meet people who are probably similar to you in terms of interests.

The third virtual place to be if you want to try online dating is forums or interactive websites. By joining a forum or registering for membership in an interactive website, you'll be able to meet people who are sure to share the same interests as you do. These forums usually hold regular meetings so make sure that you participate actively and get yourself known!.

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