

Rules of Engagement: From a Guy Who's Broken Plenty of Them

The unspoken rules of dating can be tricky to navigate, especially for guys. Here are some tips from a guy who's made plenty of mistakes.



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Rule 1: Don't be a dick

This may seem like a no-brainer, but it's worth repeating. Being a dick is never cool, and it's especially not cool when you're trying to date someone.

What does it mean to be a dick? It means being rude, disrespectful, or inconsiderate. It means putting your own needs above the other person's. It means being selfish, manipulative, or controlling.

If you find yourself acting like a dick, stop yourself immediately. Apologize to the other person, and make an effort to change your behavior.

Rule 2: Be yourself

This is another important rule that's often overlooked. When you're trying to date someone, it's tempting to put on a fake persona, or to try to be someone you're not.

But the truth is, the best way to find someone who's right for you is to be yourself. Don't try to be someone you're not, because that person won't be interested in you. Be honest about who you are, and what you're looking for. The right person will appreciate you for who you are, not for who you pretend to be.

Rule 3: Don't play games

Playing games is a surefire way to ruin a relationship before it even gets started. When you play games, you're manipulating the other person, and trying to control the situation.

Games can take many forms. You might try to make the other person jealous, or you might try to control their behavior. You might even try to sabotage their relationships with other people.

Whatever form it takes, playing games is never okay. It's disrespectful, and it shows that you don't have the other person's best interests at heart.

Rule 4: Be honest and open

Honesty is the best policy, especially when it comes to relationships. If you're not honest with the other person, they're not going to be able to trust you.

This doesn't mean you have to share every single detail of your life with the other person. But it does mean that you should be honest about the important things, like your relationship history, your financial situation, and your goals for the future.

If you're not sure whether or not to share something, err on the side of honesty. It's always better to be open and honest, than to keep something hidden.

Rule 5: Don't take things too seriously

Dating is supposed to be fun. So don't take things too seriously. If you're not having fun, you're ng something wrong.

This doesn't mean you shouldn't take your relationship seriously. It just means that you shouldn't get hung up on the small stuff. Don't worry about whether or not you're saying the right thing, or whether or not you're making a good impression.

Just relax, and enjoy yourself. If you're having fun, the other person will be too.

Rule 6: Don't give up

Dating can be tough. There will be times when you get rejected, or when you feel like you're not good enough.

But don't give up. The right person is out there for you. Just keep putting yourself out there, and eventually you'll find them.

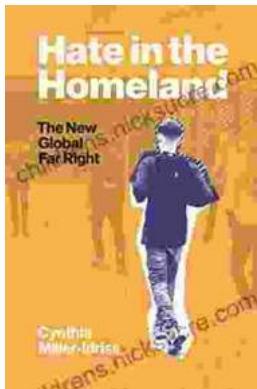
Dating doesn't have to be complicated. Just follow these simple rules, and you'll be well on your way to finding the love of your life.



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