



## ABOUT ONE LOVE

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## 10 SIGNS OF A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

**EQUALITY** You and your partner have the same say and put equal effort into the relationship (instead of feeling like one person has more say than the other). Examples are feeling like you are heard in your relationship or feel comfortable speaking up, making decisions together as opposed to one person calling all the shots, and equally compromising on decisions in your relationship to make the other person feel important or respected.

**LOYALTY** When your partner is reliable and you feel confident that they have your back. Some examples are when your partner is respectful and faithful, sticks up for you, doesn't take sides against you but helps you see the middle ground, and keeps your secrets safe. In a healthy relationship, you don't have to test the other person's loyalty, because you just know it's there. Sometimes people say, "We all make mistakes" and, "Nobody's perfect" to make excuses for disloyalty. If you find yourself saying that often, it's a red flag that the relationship may not be healthy.

**HONESTY** Being truthful and open with your partner. It's important to be able to talk together about what you both want. In a healthy relationship, you can talk to your partner without fearing how they'll respond or if you'll be judged. They may not like what you have to say, but in a healthy relationship, a partner will respond to disappointing news in a considerate way. Some examples are having good communication about what you both want and expect, and never feeling like you have to hide who you talk to or hang with from your partner.

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY** You and your partner are both responsible for your own actions and words. You both avoid putting blame on each other and own up to your actions when you do something wrong. Examples are when your partner genuinely apologizes for their mistakes, avoids taking things out on you when they're upset, and tries to make positive changes to better your relationship.

**INDEPENDENCE** Having space and freedom in your relationship to do you. Examples are when your partner supports you having friends and a life outside of your relationship and not needing to be attached at the hip or know every little detail about your life.

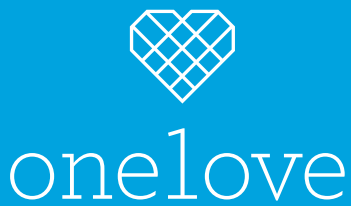
**COMFORTABLE PACE** You and your partner allow the relationship to happen at a pace that feels comfortable for both of you. Oftentimes, when you begin dating someone, you may feel that you're spending all of your time with them because you want to – that is great! But be sure that nothing feels imbalanced or rushed in the relationship. In a healthy relationship, nobody pressures the other to have sex, make the relationship exclusive, move in together, meet their family and friends, get married, or have a baby. When you do choose to take these steps, you both feel happy and excited about it—no mixed feelings.

**COMPASSION** Feeling a sense of care and concern from your partner and knowing that they will be there to support you, too. If you're in a healthy relationship, your partner will be kind to you, they will understand and be supportive of you when you're going through tough times, and they will lend a helping hand in times of need. An important caveat is that it has to be two-sided and displayed equally. You should never feel like someone is taking advantage of your kindness..

**RESPECT** If respect is present in your relationship, your partner will value your beliefs, opinions and who you are as a person. Examples are complimenting you, supporting your hard work and dreams, not trying to push or overstep your boundaries, and sticking up for you.

**TRUST** Believing your partner won't do anything to hurt you or ruin the relationship. Examples are when your partner lets you do things without them, has faith that you won't cheat on them, respects your privacy online (like who you text and Snapchat), and doesn't make you go out of your way or work hard to "earn" their trust.

**COMMUNICATION** If you can talk to your partner about anything—the good and the bad—this is a sign of a healthy relationship. Examples include feeling like your partner will listen to you when you need to talk, they are open to discussing further, and not feeling judged for your words or opinions.



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## 10 SIGNS OF AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP

**INTENSITY** Intensity involves having extreme feelings or exhibiting over-the-top behavior that feels like too much to the other person. Examples are rushing the pace of a relationship, always wanting to see you and talk to you, and feeling like someone is obsessed with you.

**JEALOUSY** An emotion that everyone experiences, jealousy becomes unhealthy when someone lashes out or tries to control you because of it. Examples can be getting upset when you text or hang out with people your partner feels threatened by, accusing you of flirting or cheating, being possessive over you or even going so far as to stalk you.

**MANIPULATION** Manipulation occurs when a partner tries to influence your decisions, actions, or emotions. Manipulation is not always easy to spot, but some examples are convincing you to do things you wouldn't normally feel comfortable doing, ignoring you until they get their way, and using gifts and apologies to influence your decisions or get back in your good graces.

**ISOLATION** Isolation keeps you away from friends, family, or other people. Examples can be when your partner makes you choose between them and your friends, insisting you spend all your time with them, making you question your own judgment of friends and family, and making you feel dependent on them for money, love or acceptance.

**SABOTAGE** Sabotage involves purposely ruining your reputation, achievements or success. Examples can be making you miss work, school or practice, keeping you from getting school work done, talking about you behind your back or starting rumors, and threatening to share private information about you.

**BELITTLING** Belittling is anything that makes you feel bad about yourself. Examples can be calling you names, making rude remarks about who you hang out with, your family or what you look like, and making fun of you – even if it's played off as just a joke.

**GUILTING** Making you feel guilty or responsible for your partner's actions is a form of manipulation. Examples can be making you feel responsible for their happiness, making you feel like everything is your fault, threatening to hurt themselves or others if you don't do as they say or stay with them, and pressuring you to do something sexual that you're not comfortable with.

**VOLATILITY** Volatility involves unpredictable overreactions that make you feel like you need to walk on eggshells or do things to keep them from lashing out. Examples can be mood swings, losing control of themselves by getting violent or yelling, threatening to hurt you or destroy things, and making you feel afraid of them. This can also be drama or ups and downs in a relationship.

**DEFLECTING RESPONSIBILITY** Deflecting responsibility involves making excuses for one's behavior. Examples can be blaming you, other people, or past experiences for their actions, using alcohol or drugs as an excuse, and using mental health issues or past experiences (like a cheating ex or divorced parents) as a reason for unhealthy behavior.

**BETRAYAL** Betrayal occurs when your partner acts differently around you versus how they act when you're not around. Examples can be lying to you, purposely leaving you out or not telling you things, being two-faced, acting differently around friends, and cheating while in a relationship with you.