

TECHNOLOGY/ELECTRONICS TIPS FOR ON-LINE DATING CHECKLIST

- Set up the date over the phone and use 'block caller I.D.'

Tip: Listening to a person talk is different from corresponding via e-mail; and listen to sounds in the background

- Let someone know your date itinerary and person you are meeting; don't change these plans
- Ask the person if you will recognize him/her from the photo and when the photo was taken

Tip: If your date is not being honest about the way he/she looks, will your date be honest about other issues

- Consider double dating on the first date
- Always be on time
- Trust your instincts; if at any time it doesn't feel right, politely end the date
- Guard personal information; don't provide your full name, home address, phone number or place of business until you have gotten to know this person much better
- Agree to meet in a public place that you are familiar with but one where you are not well known
- Keep the first meeting short; consider setting a time limit as to how long you will meet
- Agree to split the tab so that there are no hard feelings if this meeting doesn't lead to another
- Rather than going to dinner for a first or second meeting, meet at a coffee shop or lunch spot
- Always be mindful of your surroundings and your purse or wallet
- Don't leave food or beverages unattended
- Watch your alcohol consumption
- Don't be too quick to trust this person especially if he/she is coming on strong with compliments and flattery
- Be yourself and don't lie or stretch any truths
- Don't start bashing a previous relationship or spouse; be positive and upbeat
- Ask lots of questions and listen to the answers; you will learn more from listening than from talking
- Use good manners, dress appropriately and be mindful of your language
- Even if you feel a romantic connection on the first meeting, avoid kissing or hugging
- Make sure you are not followed after the date; consider scheduling a stop other than your home after the date
