

GET YOURS OR GET OUT

DATING APPS ARE INEVITABLE. TODAY, DATING APPS HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR WAYS FOR QUEER FOLK TO MEET PEOPLE FOR ROMANCE, SEX OR BOTH.

NOT ALL DATING APPS ARE CREATED EQUALLY BUT THERE ARE PROACTIVE AND INFORMED STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO STAY SAFE WHILE USING A DATING APP. THESE STEPS CAN HELP YOU DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THE PERSON ON THE OTHER END OF THE CHAT IS SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU **GET YOURS** OR IF YOU NEED TO **GET OUT** OF THAT CONVERSATION/SITUATION.

WHO DIS?

PERSON IS WILLING TO GIVE YOU THEIR NAME, NUMBER AND A SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE. THIS HELPS YOU IDENTIFY THEM AS WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.

PERSON IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE ANY OF THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, A SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE OR THEIR PHONE NUMBER. THIS IS A RED FLAG.

PICS OR NO CHAT

ASK FOR MORE "PICS" OF THE PERSON, SPECIFICALLY FACE PICS. THE MORE THEY OF THEMSELVES, THE BETTER YOU ARE ABLE TO CONFIRM THEY ARE WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.

PERSON HAS LIMITED PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES OR PHOTOS LOOK DOCTORED OR INAUTHENTIC. YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT THIS PERSON ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE.

LET SOMEONE KNOW

PERSON IS WILLING TO GIVE YOU THEIR ADDRESS BEFOREHAND. TELL A FRIEND WHERE YOU'RE GOING. SHARE YOUR LOCATION WITH A FRIEND AND GIVE THEM AN ETA. LET THEM KNOW THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU'RE MEETING.

IF A PERSON IS NOT WILLING TO GIVE YOU AN EXACT ADDRESS OR WANTS TO MEET SOMEWHERE AND THEN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, GET OUT OF THAT CONVERSATION.

MEET IN PUBLIC & SAY NO

MEET THE PERSON IN A PUBLIC, WELL LIT PLACE BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS. THIS GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO TEST CHEMISTRY AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE.

WHILE DARK AND MYSTERIOUS CAN BE FUN, DO NOT MEET SOMEONE IN A DARK AND/OR EMPTY PLACE. IF SOMEONE IS NOT WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE OR YOU'RE JUST NOT FEELING IT, BE CONFIDENT IN SAYING NO AND LEAVING.

GRAND RAPIDS


PRIDE
C E N T E R

CREATE AMBIGUOUS AND NON-DIRECT SAFE WORDS WITH FRIENDS TO USE VIA TEXT OR ON THE PHONE IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION AND YOU CAN SAFELY LEAVE, IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-1-1. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CANNOT SAFELY LEAVE THE SITUATION AND YOU'RE IN PUBLIC, ATTEMPT TO DISCRETELY LET SOMEONE AROUND YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN DANGER AND HAVE THEM CALL 9-1-1.