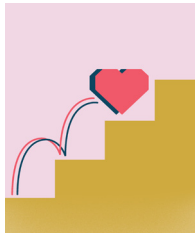




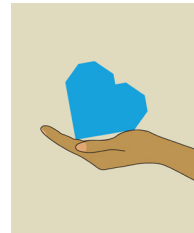
10 Signs of a Healthy Relationship

Healthy relationships bring out the best in you and make you feel good about yourself. A healthy relationship does not mean a "perfect" relationship, and no one is healthy 100% of the time, but the signs below are behaviors you should strive for in all of your relationships.

Healthy relationships manifest themselves as healthy communication, but in order to have a healthy relationship, you need to love yourself first. Here are some characteristics and behaviors of a healthy relationship.



Comfortable Pace
The relationship moves at a speed that feels enjoyable for each person.



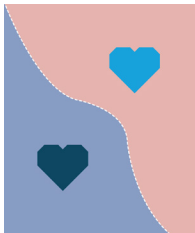
Trust
Confidence that your partner won't do anything to hurt you or ruin the relationship.



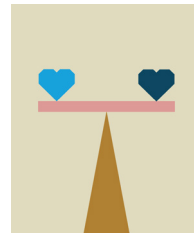
Honesty
You can be truthful and candid without fearing how the other person will respond.



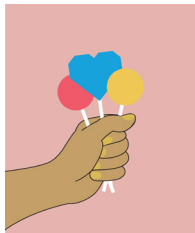
Independence
You have space to be yourself outside of the relationship.



Respect
You value one another's beliefs and opinions, and love one another for who you are as a person.



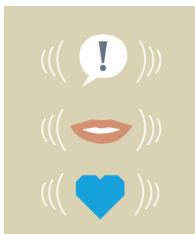
Equality
The relationship feels balanced and everyone puts the same effort into the success of the relationship.



Kindness
You are caring and empathetic to one another, and provide comfort and support.



Taking Responsibility
Owning your own actions and words.



Healthy Conflict
Openly and respectfully discussing issues and confronting disagreements non-judgmentally.



Fun
You enjoy spending time together and bring out the best in each other.

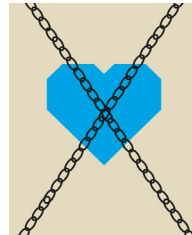


10 Signs of an Unhealthy Relationship

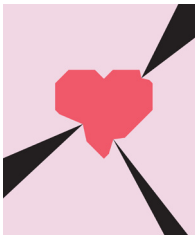
While everyone does unhealthy things sometimes, we can all learn to love better by recognizing unhealthy signs and shifting to healthy behaviors. If you are seeing unhealthy signs in your relationship, it's important to not ignore them and understand they can escalate to abuse. If you think you are in a dangerous situation, trust your gut and get help.



Intensity
When someone expresses very extreme feelings and over-the-top behavior that feels overwhelming.



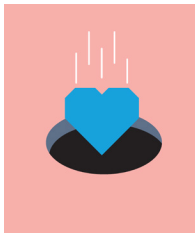
Possessiveness
When someone is jealous to a point where they try to control who you spend time with and what you do.



Manipulation
When someone tries to control your decisions, actions or emotions.



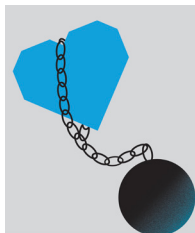
Isolation
When someone keeps you away from friends, family, or other people.



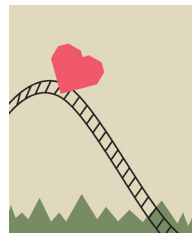
Sabotage
When someone purposely ruins your reputation, achievements, or success.



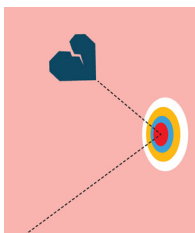
Belittling
When someone does and says things to make you feel bad about yourself.



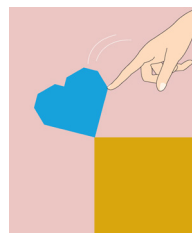
Guilt
When someone makes you feel responsible for their actions or makes you feel like it's your job to keep them happy.



Volatility
When someone has a really strong, unpredictable reaction that makes you feel scared, confused or intimidated.



Deflecting Responsibility
When someone repeatedly makes excuses for their unhealthy behavior.



Betrayal
When someone is disloyal or acts in an intentionally dishonest way.