

8 steps for online safety



Here are important steps you can take to ensure your safety while using dating apps online.

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Don't post a picture of your face.



Try using a picture that represents you in a different way like one related to your hobbies or personality.

Only meet friends of friends.

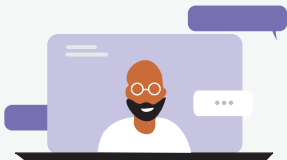
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Before you meet someone, you may want to verify that they are queer people with another trusted friend or friend-of-a-friend.



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Meet by Skype or in a safe location first.



Sharing your home address can be risky. Instead, get to know someone better by meeting them at a queer-friendly café or have an online video conversation first.



Let someone know where you are going.

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It's always a good idea to have people who know where you've gone and any emergency contact information you can provide.

If arrested, don't confess or admit to anything.

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Even if they have proof, staying silent is your best bet until you have a lawyer or a legal representative present during questioning.



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Take a few things at your first meeting.

Don't take ATM cards or lots of cash with you. Only identification documents you plan to use.



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Get tested regularly for HIV and other STIs.



Do it at least three times per year, and always have conversations with the people you meet about your safety expectations.

Report cases of violations to human rights groups.

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Find out about places in your area that provides direct legal services like a queer organization or a more general human rights organization.



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