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What Speed Should Your VCR (Very Cozy Relationship) Be On?

Here, 21 signs you should immediately put your romance on fast-forward, hit pause or eject it out of your life

7 Signs It's Time to Put Your Romance On Fast-forward

- 1 You once spent 72 amazing hours together during a hurricane with no phone or television—but you think it's too soon to take a vacation together.
- 2 You're afraid of the "M" word, but at your cousin's wedding, he dove for the garter and you almost knocked over Grandma just to catch the bouquet.
- 3 Your favorite nighttime activity is baby-sitting your neighbor's five-year-old together. It just feels so right.
- 4 You play it cool by waiting four hours to return his call—but spend all 14,400 seconds staring at his picture and planning what you're going to say.
- 5 You weren't at all surprised or offended when you received a letter mistakenly addressed to you and your boyfriend as "Mr. & Mrs."
- 6 You refuse to say "I love you" before he does, but every time you're together he pops in a CD of Jim Croce singing "I'll have to say 'I love you' in a song."
- 7 He's spent every night for the past three years at your home, but he's still paying rent on his apartment.

7 Signs Your Romance Should Hit Pause

- 1 On a trip to Disney World, you refused to go to Tomorrowland because you were afraid he'd get the wrong idea.
- 2 When you saw *Meet the Parents* together, he broke into a cold sweat.
- 3 When you asked him what he wanted to do for Valentine's Day, he said, "I'll probably watch the Knicks game. What are you going to do?"
- 4 The first time you slept at his place, he wrapped your toothbrush in a plastic bag and stuck it in your purse to make sure you took it home with you.
- 5 You moved in together after three whirlwind dates—only to find that he snores so loudly you can't sleep at night.



- 6 You've been thinking marriage and kids—but he still introduces you to family and coworkers as his "friend."
- 7 As a symbol of his love, he offered to get your name tattooed on his arm. Then he asked if you spell your name *Cathy* with a C or a K.

7 Signs Your Romance Should Be Ejected

- 1 When you ask him where he sees himself in five years, he says he wants to be back at his alma mater manning tailgates for his fraternity.
- 2 When you show off your new hairstyle, he stares at it and skeptically inquires, "What did you ask them to do?"
- 3 His ex sent you a letter warning you to stay far, far away from him—and it was signed by his last 30 girlfriends.
- 4 You suggested a trip to the Grand Canyon this spring. But he refused because he'll be arrested on the spot if he sets foot in Arizona—or any bordering states, for that matter.
- 5 You finally ask why he always insists on deciding which movie to rent on Friday nights, and he replies, "I don't believe in a woman's right to choose!"
- 6 When you invite him to dinner with your parents, he shows up in a T-shirt that says *I'm With Stupid!*
- 7 For your fifth anniversary, he took you to dinner at Hooters.