

10 Reasons to Avoid Dating a Married Man

Dating a married man should be avoided at all costs. Still, sometimes the temptation to do so feels like it is more than a woman can stand. However, there are very good, solid reasons to fight such temptation and here are just a few:

1. You deserve top billing.

Every woman deserves to be number one in her man's life. While a married man may tell his mistress that she is his number one, the reality is that he will keep her a secret from his parents, his children and most of the other people that he most respects.

2. Dating a married man breaks respected social boundaries.

Many women will justify dating a married man by pointing out that he made vows to his wife and, therefore, he is the only one who is doing something wrong by breaking his vow of monogamy. However, these vows are made and publicly recorded so that everyone is aware that there is a mutual agreement in place and that a marriage bond exists. It is made public with the expectation that all members of society will respect the relationship and the boundaries that it sets.

3. Dating a married man damages a woman's reputation.

Women who date married men are frequently perceived to have low self-esteem or to be women of loose moral character. Seldom are mistresses believed to be trustworthy individuals or deserving of public respect.

4. Unavailable men are just that: unavailable.

Women who desire to be married or to raise a family are frequently unable to do so with a married man because he is unavailable for such a commitment and does not share these goals with his mistress. Although he may say that he does, statistics show that married men seldom leave their families in order to marry and start over with a mistress.

5. Once a cheater, always a cheater.

Relationships that start out as secret affairs rarely grow into relationships where each partner trusts the other. Many believe that a man who cheats on his wife, as well as the woman that he cheats with, is subject to start affairs with other people, as well. Simply put, although there are instances where a married man leaves his wife and marries his mistress, rarely are the new husband and wife able to wholeheartedly trust the other. It's like the old adage says, "If he'll cheat *with* you, he'll cheat *on* you" and vice versa.

6. Dating a married man breaks the Golden Rule.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. So, would you want another woman sleeping with your husband?

7. Cheating hurts children.

When children discover that a father has had an affair on their mother, the result is often hurt, mistrust and bitterness that can last a lifetime. In cases where their dad leaves to marry a mistress, rarely do the man's children grow to love and respect his new wife.

8. Dating a married man can be a lonely existence.

It is likely that a married man does not want to become too close to his mistress' friends and family. It is also likely that he will want to be with his own family on important occasions, such as holidays and special family gatherings. This can leave a mistress feeling very isolated and lonely on days when she should be creating happy, lifelong memories with the one that she loves.

9. It's a waste of time.

Time is the one thing that can't be regained once it has passed. Too often, women who engage in long-term relationships with married men find that doing so has served to waste a good portion of their prime dating years while blocking any potential for new love relationships.

10. You deserve better.

While he may seem like the man of your dreams, in reality he is deeply committed to someone else. Is this what you dreamt your life would be like? Every woman deserves a loving relationship that she can be proud of and an exclusivity that she can look forward to sharing with another for the rest of her life.

The next time you or someone you know feels a growing attraction towards a married man, review these very good arguments on why dating a married man should be avoided and quickly abandon any thoughts of entering a relationship with him. Instead, keep yourself open and available for someone who will commit to you while offering you the exclusive love you desire and deserve.