



Tips For Success

Arranging to meet can be an intimidating time for many people.

To help you ease into your meeting with someone new, we've put together this brief report to help you on your way. Hope it's useful!

Call the office on 1300 856 640 if you wish to discuss any aspect of this paper.

The Do's & Don'ts Of That First Meeting

DO:

Talk on the phone only long enough to arrange the first meeting. Keep general conversation for the first meeting if possible.

Call from a land line, not a mobile. The line is clearer and you won't have to shout at each other or have the line drop out.

It also shows you have taken the time to call, rather than just phoning when you remembered or had nothing else to do.

DON'T SMS:

It is bad manners, easy to misinterpret and suggests you can't be bothered to speak to the person.

The only situation where it is appropriate is if you are running late etc and YOU HAVE TRIED TO CALL but the phone is off and there is no voicemail.

DON'T:

Tell anyone, except the person you are being introduced to, that you are a member of the agency when leaving a message.

Act like an old friend who has been out of touch for some time.

Remember that the people we introduce you to have family, friends and flatmates and that they may listen to an answering machine.

DO:

Meet up for coffee or drinks somewhere which is not too crowded or noisy.

Some women may feel uncomfortable meeting in a private home, but if she suggests meeting at her place this is also appropriate.

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Expensive dinners and elaborate plans are unnecessary for the first meeting. An inexpensive activity is also a good idea.

Make sure that you do know the exact time and location of the meeting. Busy crowded places should be avoided

Should you be forced to break your date let the person you were meeting know as soon as possible that you have to postpone. Nobody likes to be stood up and be left waiting for a 'no show'.

DON'T ever visit a person at their home or work without an invitation.

DO:

Be on time – this is very important.

DON'T:

Talk about past relationships or past partners.

DO:

Be honest about whether you wish to see the person again. Always be honest with the people you are introduced to.

DON'T:

Start off your communication by discussing what sort of relationship you seek or by asking what sort of relationship they seek.

DO:

Keep in touch with the Bridges after each introduction. Let us know if we are on the right track, a quick phone call is always welcomed.

DON'T:

Talk about other people you have met through the agency or ask about other people met by the person you are meeting. When you meet, it is best not to talk about the agency at all.

DO:

Let us know when you meet someone you plan to see again.

Just relax and expect good things to happen.

Remember to call the Agency with the names and phone numbers of any worthwhile persons you know are seeking a relationship.