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## Dating tips: Why dating against your type can result in a relationship

Dating men you might normally bypass could mean a shot at a love connection.

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**Dating tips: You need to expand your dating circle**

Ruling out certain types of people based on the wrong reasons can limit your options. Just because the first guy who broke your heart was a musician doesn't mean every musician should be off your dating radar. If your family has always told you to date someone with an office job, you feel they're controlling and meddling, you may have decided for yourself that your type is anything but what they suggest. "This type of thinking doesn't serve you well," Masini says. You may bypass a potential match simply because he happens to be a type you previously ruled out.

**Dating tips: You need a dating boost**

If you start dreading dating it's likely because you're stuck in a rut. Every guy seems the same; you talk about the same things, go to the same venues and at the end of the week can't decipher one date from the next. In other words, you're bored. "By dating outside your type you can refresh yourself and your outlook on dating," Masini says. If you usually date lawyers or doctors, consider a firefighter or a blue-collar employee instead to get a new perspective. If you usually go for artsy, creative types try dating someone who wears a suit for a change. The only way you can really break through the boredom is to date someone who falls outside the dating parameters you have set for yourself.

**Dating tips: You were right to begin with**

When enough time passes without [making a love connection](#) some people switch types all together. This can be beneficial (as we have already indicated) but it can also put you off course. Dating outside (current) type may actually remind you that you were right to begin with. "You didn't meet Mr. Right so you changed your type, but the reason you didn't meet Mr. Right doesn't mean you were dating the wrong type; you just hadn't met him yet," Masini says. Dating a few different types can help lead you full circle right back to where you should be.

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