

Make sure Cupid's arrow is only used for love. Stay safe this Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is around the corner and the hope of romance is filling the air. February is a time when singles across our city pull out all of their game plans in hopes that cupid will strike them!

As you fill up your "little black book", keep the following tips in mind so that you can have fun and stay safe.

- Keep your first date short, and in a public location – coffee anyone?
- Consider planning it over your lunch hour or during daylight hours on the weekend.
- Meet your date at the location, and make your own way home.
- Let a good friend know the location of your date and the name of the person you are going to meet.
- Arrange to have that friend call you about half way through the scheduled date to check in and make sure things are going well.
- If you are meeting over drinks, limit yourself to one alcoholic beverage and NEVER leave it unattended. If you have to leave your drink, order a new drink when you return.
- If for any reason you feel unsafe leave immediately. If you feel like you might be followed go into another public location, or hail a cab.

Now that your safety is covered, go out, have fun, and hopefully start planning your second date!

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