

Why Safe Calls for First Meetings?



What's a Safe Call you ask? It's a way to insure you're safety when first meeting someone your unfamiliar with in a play or scene situation. The play aspects of the D/s lifestyle tend to be very intense emotionally and psychologically. A Safe Call is one way to insure the scene does not become too intense on the first meeting until trust is built between two partners, a Dom/me and a sub. A Safe Call also helps to build that trust as the Dom/me shows respect for your requirement of a way to check in with a trusted person. On the darker, more paranoid side of the fence, it is also a way to insure your safety when meeting a person you have never met before and may only have talked to online or over the telephone.

Do what's right for you, but consider these or similar suggestions very seriously before agreeing to meet someone for BD/SM activity for the first time. Any Dom/me or sub who is reputable and trustworthy should have no issues with a Safe Call. If they do, perhaps that should be a warning signal that they are not what they appear to be.

The following information should be given to the person(s) receiving your safe calls:

- Your full name
- Your home address and phone number
- Make, model, color, and license plate number of your car if you are driving yourself, or
- Detailed information (flight numbers and times, rental car information, etc.) if you are using other transportation

ALL the information you have on person you are meeting, including:

- Their full name and screenname(s) or logon ID(s)
- Their address and phone number(s)
- Their age, description, any and all information you have on the person you are meeting.

Pass on to your safe call person(s):

- Where you are meeting
- The name of place you are meeting
- The address of the meeting place, including room number (if applicable) and phone number (if you do not have it ahead of time, give it during first phone call)
- When you are meeting - time and date
- The phone number for the local police in the town you are meeting.

Be sure to have agreed and understood codewords for your safe call, one indicating that everything is ok, and one indicating that you need help.

- The first phone call should be made within 15 minutes of the established meeting time.
- The second phone call should be made within 30 minutes after the first.
- The third phone call should be made within 2 hours after that or before leaving the place of the meeting, whichever comes first.
- The fourth phone call should be made within 30 minutes of leaving the meeting.
- If the meeting lasts longer than 3 hours, phone calls should be made no less than every 2 hours apart until you part company... then proceed with the departing call and the last call.

Note: These suggestions may seem to be bordering on paranoia, but it doesn't cost anything to be cautious. Don't take chances when your mental, physical, and emotional health could be at risk. One other word of caution, follow through with your Safe Calls. A missed call may send the police looking for you on a phone call from your trusted person. Having the police barge in on a scene can be embarrassing and will result in many, many questions being asked. The police are there for your protection, but will not respond promptly if there are too many false alarms.