

Safe Calls



Safe Calls can and should be used by both parties! If the person you are meeting has a problem with you asking for the information and having/using a safe call, that should be the end of the encounter. (redgarter, n.d.)

What is a Safe Call?

A safe call, also known as a silent alarm call, is a type of safety call that's often used within the dating and kink communities to people. The idea behind a safe call is that, before going on a date, the person arranges to call a trusted friend at a specific time. If the person doesn't call that trusted friend, the friend should assume something is wrong and notify the local police. Not only does this provide a potential deterrent to a malicious date before the two people have ever met up, but it also allows the local authorities to get on the trail more quickly in case something does happen. (Mistress Kay-Kinkly.com, 2016)

- You give his/her info to a trusted friend. Someone local to you is best, but if that's not an option, it can be a kink-friendly friend far away.
- This includes **his/her name, Fetlife name, phone number, photo**, any other info you have on him/her, plus a recent **photo** of you and the **license plate** of your car, if you have one.
- When and where you're meeting (preferably, first meeting is during the day and in a public place).
- Set up check in times. The **1st** should be within **30** minutes of your arrival at the meeting place. This can be by phone or text. It's okay-even preferred, IMO-to let him know you have a safe call set up for your safety, so he/she knows someone is expecting to hear from you. If he/she has a problem with this, then that's a huge red flag!
- Your check in should include a **pre-arranged statement** that lets your safe call person know you're in trouble. Find a phrase that sounds perfectly normal, but that will signal your safe call buddy that they need to call the police. Something like, "Yeah, I'll be home in time to feed the cat" (if you don't have a cat), or anything else that sounds normal but you both know is your safe word.
- Check in again **1 hour** in-it can be via text. Again, have a phrase pre-arranged so they know if you're in trouble.
- Check in again when the **date is over** to let them know you're okay. This should be a phone call so they know it's you, and not someone who has your phone.
- **Never** get in a car with anyone until you know them.

(Author, Eden Bradley Sex Educator Erotica & Erotic Romance, n.d.)

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Questions

Why Do I Need It?

It's unfortunate that anyone has to worry about it, but your safety is important. **Not every person out there is exactly who they seem to be.** A safe call gives the authorities somewhere to start looking in case your date ends up taking a turn for the worse.

Who Should I Use as My Safe Call?

It's important that you entrust the responsibility of your safe call to someone who can be trusted. This person needs to keep track of the time, check in on you and, if you don't respond, this person needs to promptly call the police.

Should I Let My Date Know?

YES! There's no reason not to let your date know.

Anything Else I Should Know?

A safe call is designed to protect you. Please use it reliably on your first (and second and third!) dates to ensure your safety.

(Mistress Kay-Kinkly.com, 2016)

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