

Casual sex

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Casual sex refers to certain types of sexual activity outside the context of a romantic relationship. The term is not always used consistently: some use it to refer to any extramarital sex, some use it to refer to sex in a casual relationship, whereas others reserve its use for one-time encounters, promiscuity, or to refer to sex in the absence of emotional attachment or love.^{[1][2]}

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Social norms and moral concerns

People's attitudes to casual sex range from conservative religious views, the extreme of which is abstinence, to liberal and libertarian views, the extreme of which is free love. During the sexual revolution in the United States and Europe in the 1960s and 1970s, social attitudes to sexual issues underwent considerable changes. The advent of the pill and other forms of birth control, the Women's Liberation movement, and the legalization of abortion



Close relationships

Types of relationships

Boyfriend · Bromance · Casual · Ciccisbeo · Cohabitation · Concubinage · Courtesan · Cousin · Domestic partnership · Family · Friendship · Girlfriend · Husband · Kinship · Marriage · Mistress (lover) · Monogamy · Non-monogamy · Polyamory · Polyfidelity · Polygamy · Romantic friendship · Same-sex relationship · Sexual partner · Siblings · Significant other · Soulmate · Widowhood · Wife

Romantic relationship events

Bonding · Breaking up · Courtship · Dating · Divorce · Infidelity · Mating · Romance · Separation · Transgressing · Wedding

Feelings and emotions

Affinity · Attachment · Compersion · Intimacy · Jealousy · Limerence · Love · Passion · Platonic love · Polyamory · Psychology of sexual monogamy

in many countries is believed to have led to a wider practice of casual sex.^{[3][4][5]} Most religions disapprove of sex outside of marriage (see Religion and sexuality).

Related terms

Hookup

A **hookup** (colloquial American English) is casual sex activity that could consist of manual stimulation, oral sex, or sexual intercourse. An **extended hookup** sometimes refers to prolonged instances of casual sex interactions. This is a situation in which the involved parties occasionally meet for casual sex multiple times, always without a long-term commitment. This is a casual relationship specifically for sex and without any emotional aspect. Also another similar term is No Strings Attached (NSA) sex.

Other colloquial terms used to describe two people engaged in a relationship in which there is no emotional but purely sexual involvement are "fuck buddies", "friends with benefits", "booty call", and "ami calin" (the popular French term).

One-night stand

One-night stand is a single sexual encounter between individuals, where at least one of the parties has no immediate intention or expectation of establishing a longer-term sexual or romantic relationship.

Anonymous sex

Anonymous sex is a form of one-night stand or *casual sex* between people who have very little or no history with each other, often engaging in sexual activity on the same day of their meeting and usually never seeing each other again afterwards.^[6]

Commercial sites

There are many specialist online dating services or other internet websites, known as "adult personals" or "adult matching" sites, which cater to people looking for a purely physical relationship, without emotional attachments. These can provide a relatively anonymous forum where people who are geographically close but in totally separate work and social circles can make contact.

Human practices
 Bride price (Dower · Dowry) ·
 Hypergamy · Infidelity ·
 Sexuality

Relationship abuse
 Child abuse · Elder abuse ·
 Dating abuse · Infidelity ·
 Spousal abuse ·

See also

- Anonymous sex
- Casual relationship
- Cottaging
- Dogging
- Group sex
- List of sexology topics
- Promiscuity
- Sexual norm
- Swinging
- Friends with benefits
- STDs
- Zipless fuck

Notes

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