

Wife's Friends Driving You Nuts?

Although your wife is probably your best friend, she had other friends before marrying you. Chances are, some of these friends are still in her life and, therefore, by default, they are part of YOUR life. Learning how to relate to your wife's friends is an important part of having a happy marriage.

You've probably met her closest friends and have formed an opinion. Maybe you like them, maybe not. But you should always be civil regardless of your feelings.

Get to know her friends better...

One of the best things you can do is try to be friends with your wife's buddies; don't worry, you don't have to be besties. Keep in mind there's a reason why these people are important to your wife. So, start by getting to know them and look for common ground. You might consider asking your wife to invite her friends over for dinner, so everyone can get to know each other better.

Meeting your wife's friends can be stressful, so keep it simple. Engage them in conversation and take an interest in their life; be friendly!

Your wife will appreciate this more than you know.

When you don't like her friends...

Not everyone clicks. You might have different goals and values. Or it could be as simple as you think they're too loud and boisterous. It could be they're flat out obnoxious. But remember, they are your wife's closest friends; she cares about them. And since you care about your wife, you care about the things she cares about, right?

If you have any serious concerns about your wife's friends, tell her. Be honest without being critical because it'll probably hurt her feelings.

If you're concerned that being friends with people who have different values (if they actually do) might lead her in an unhealthy direction, be honest about it.

But whatever you do, don't ask her to give up her friends because this will only create resentment. It's her life and her friends; she gets to decide. The only thing you can do is let her know how you feel.

Your wife's friends and family are critical to the happiness and longevity of your marriage.

When you're having relationship problems, your wife will most likely turn to her friends, and if they don't like you, guess what? They will make the situation worse.

So, treat them with dignity and respect, and remember to always be courteous and polite.

By doing this, you enlist her friends to respect your relationship and wish you a long and happy marriage with one of their closest friends, your wife.

Until next time, this is Mike Tucker and I want YOU to be mad about marriage!