

# Burning Man / Left Behind Yes, No Maybe List

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So your partner is going to Burning Man without you. Too bad! – and it can be really hard on a couple. The sexual energy at Burning Man is unique and it can be easy to get carried away if you don't have clarity on your agreements. Burning Man is different for lots of reasons – it can be a place to experiment and stretch your boundaries, a vacation from your regular life where inhibitions are checked at the Gate. It's worth revisiting your agreements for monogamy and non-monogamy.

**Note: This list is a starting point -- not a substitute -- for real conversation. Print. Fill out. Discuss.**

**Instructions:**

1. Print out a copy of the list for each person in the relationship.
2. Add anything missing to the bottom of the list.
3. Write the name of the person going to Burning Man at the top.
4. Each person, including the person named, fills out the list. Yes = "fine by me" or "I'd like to do it." NO = "Don't do it," or "No interest." Maybe = "OK in some circumstances, not okay in others."
5. Bring the lists together and compare.
6. Make a master list (again, with the person's name on top) of what's totally OK (everyone says, "Yes!"), what's absolutely forbidden (anyone says, "No.") and what's negotiable / conditional (any combo of "Yes!" And "Maybe?").
7. Discuss / negotiate.
8. Have fun!

**Name of person going:**

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| <b>Sensual / Sexual Acts</b><br><small>(The thing you'll or won't be doing)</small> | partner's<br>gender       | <b>YES</b><br><small>(fine by me)</small> | <b>NO</b><br><small>(Don't do it)</small> | <b>MAYBE</b><br><small>(Possibly...)</small> | <b>Notes:</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|--|---------------|
| <b>The Basic Agreements:</b>  |                           |   |   |  |               |
| Dancing ...   | same                      |   |   |  |               |
|   | different                 |   |   |  |               |
| Dirty Dancing ...   | same                      |   |   |  |               |
|   | different                 |   |   |  |               |
| Kissing ...   | Other people on the mouth |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | Other people's bodies ... |   | different                                 |  |               |
|   | Non-sexual areas          |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | Sexual areas              |   | different                                 |  |               |
| Being kissed ...  | On your mouth             |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | On your body              |   | different                                 |  |               |
|   | Non-sexual areas          |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | Sexual areas              |   | different                                 |  |               |
| Touching ...  | Over clothes ...          |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | On skin/under clothes     |   | different                                 |  |               |
|   | Non-sexual areas          |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | Sexual areas              |   | different                                 |  |               |
| Being touched ...   | Over clothes ...          |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | On skin/under clothes     |   | different                                 |  |               |
|   | Non-sexual areas          |   | same                                      |  |               |
|   | Sexual areas              |   | different                                 |  |               |
| Genital-body contact (your genitals)  |                           | same                                      |   |  |               |
| Genital-genital contact   |                           | different                                 |   |  |               |
| Intercourse/vaginal   |                           | same                                      |   |  |               |
| Intercourse/anal  |                           | different                                 |   |  |               |

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| <b>People / Relations (basic agreements apply):</b>             |   |           |  |  |  |
| Playing with ...  | Campmates                               | same      |  |  |  |
|   |   | different |  |  |  |
|   | Friends                                 | same      |  |  |  |
|   |   | different |  |  |  |
|   | Strangers                               | same      |  |  |  |
|   |   | different |  |  |  |
|   | Specific people allowed                 |           |  |  |  |
|   | Specific people forbidden               |           |  |  |  |
|   | One night stands                        |           |  |  |  |
|   | Multi-night / day encounters            |           |  |  |  |
|   | Contact post playa                      |           |  |  |  |
|   | Emotional connections                   |           |  |  |  |
| <b>Situations (basic agreements apply):</b>                     |   |           |  |  |  |
| Naked / Exposed   | On the playa                            |           |  |  |  |
|   | in other's camps / domes                |           |  |  |  |
|   | in private spaces / tents               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Sexual-themed parties                   |           |  |  |  |
|   | Sexual-themed classes                   |           |  |  |  |
|   | Sex domes                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Group shower camps                      |           |  |  |  |
| Playing under the influence ...                                 | sober                                   |           |  |  |  |
|   | alcohol                                 |           |  |  |  |
|   | pot                                     |           |  |  |  |
|   | speedy stuff (coke, etc.)               |           |  |  |  |
|   | slow stuff (dilauded, etc.)             |           |  |  |  |
|   | mdma                                    |           |  |  |  |
|   | psychedelics (lsd, etc.)                |           |  |  |  |
| <b>Specific sensual / sexual acts (basic agreements apply):</b> |   |           |  |  |  |
|   | Age Play (Play w/much older, younger)   |           |  |  |  |
|   | Blindfolds                              |           |  |  |  |
|   | Bondage                                 |           |  |  |  |
|   | Body Paint                              |           |  |  |  |
|   | Cross Dressing                          |           |  |  |  |
|   | Dirty Talk                              |           |  |  |  |
| Domination  | As Top                                  |           |  |  |  |
|   | As Bottom                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Double Penetration                      |           |  |  |  |
|   | Dry Humping                             |           |  |  |  |
|   | Electricity Play                        |           |  |  |  |
|   | Erotic Massage                          |           |  |  |  |
|   | Erotic Games                            |           |  |  |  |
|   | Exhibitionism                           |           |  |  |  |
|   | Fantasizing With Others                 |           |  |  |  |
|   | Fantasy Rape                            |           |  |  |  |
|   | Fetish Clothing                         |           |  |  |  |
|   | Fisting                                 |           |  |  |  |
|   | Food Play                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Full Body Kissing/Mouth Play            |           |  |  |  |
|   | Furry Play (Animal costumes/role play)  |           |  |  |  |
|   | Gags                                    |           |  |  |  |
|   | Gang Bang                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Gender Play (role playing diff genders) |           |  |  |  |
| Glory Holes   | Pitching                                |           |  |  |  |
|   | Catching                                |           |  |  |  |
|   | Group Sex (four or more)                |           |  |  |  |
| Lap Dance   | Giving                                  |           |  |  |  |
|   | Receiving                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Massage                                 |           |  |  |  |
| Masturbation  | alone                                   |           |  |  |  |
|   | with another                            |           |  |  |  |
|   | in a group                              |           |  |  |  |
| Prostate massage  | Giving                                  |           |  |  |  |
|   | Receiving                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Public Sex                              |           |  |  |  |
| Rimming   | Giving                                  |           |  |  |  |
|   | Receiving                               |           |  |  |  |
|   | Rough Play                              |           |  |  |  |

