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Secrets revealed: What a girl really wants

"I want a guy who'll surprise me with a spontaneous fondue dinner in Banff, but will also challenge me to be daring on the snowboarding hill and be able to fix his SUV if we break down during the trip."

That comes from a woman who not only knows what she wants, but what thousands of Calgary women want.

Christine Hart co-owns Six Minute Dates, a local speed dating company. In hosting more than 250 events with at least 20 people per event, Hart has come up with a list of the qualities women look for in men:

1. **Confident yet modest** (you're good, but you won't say you're good). "This is, by far, the number one quality women are looking for," Hart says. She warns, however: "A woman can always see through fake confidence."
2. **Security.** "Women look for men with goals, initiative, direction and those who are responsible."



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3. **Humour.** "Laughter shows self-esteem and confidence unless the humour is self-deprecating." More aptly put, don't poke too much fun at yourself. "The best way to flirt is by teasing and that comes out in humour," Hart explains.

4. **Well-groomed.** (Guys, put a little effort into it). "When a man looks at a woman, he is thinking if he could see himself having sex with her. When a woman looks at a man, she is thinking if she could see herself kissing him," says Hart. She notes women zero in on teeth, breath and lips. Another warning: "If a guy spends more time getting ready than you, there's a problem."

5. **Good values.** "Women want a guy who respects his friends, family and even a stranger," says Hart. "If he can't even respect the waiter, what makes you think he'll respect you?"

6. **Chivalry.** Today's chivalry is subtle, not over the top, says Hart. Guys: "Just be aware. If it's cold, offer your jacket. If you're

not walking her to the door, then at the very least, wait and watch till she gets in."

Lori Rohloff is also in the business of knowing what women want. Together with Candice Keeping, Rohloff owns one of Calgary's new Chemistry — Mix It Up Speed Dating service.

"There's a difference between the ages," Rohloff says.

"Women in their 20s are looking for adventure and a sense of safety and security like they had at home with their parents."

However, women in their 30s and 40s are a little more seasoned and realistic. "Now they're looking for someone who is responsible and doesn't fear the word commitment," says Rohloff.

Those in their 50s and older are generally looking for an equal, "a partner to share their life with emotionally, financially, mentally, and physically," she says.

So what does Lori want?
"I am really looking for that partner; someone who is stable with a sense of humour who will rub my feet when I get home. I can be a bit wild and crazy, so I

want a guy who isn't jealous or judgmental." Myself?

I'd like a guy who can barbecue a great steak and enjoy a night with friends.

He'll play with my hair while we watch a movie on the couch. He'll take me to a Flames playoff game instead of his buddy. He'll love my cooking and call me minutes after he leaves to tell me he had a great time. He'll surprise me with a quick drop-by hello and occasionally leave me cute little notes in the mailbox or on my car ... is that really too much to ask?

Stay tuned: I'll let you in on what a guy wants in my next column.