

WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

HOW TO FEND OFF A PICKUP ARTIST

- 1 Recognize the traits of a pickup artist.**

Is your suitor overly charming and quick with cash? Does he appear to have an immediate connection with you? Is he scanning the room while talking to you? Is he calling you familiar or condescending names such as “honey,” “sweetie,” or “babe”?
- 2 Do not accept drinks.**

Letting a pickup artist buy you drinks will encourage him and make him feel he is entitled to your attentions.
- 3 Keep personal information to yourself.**

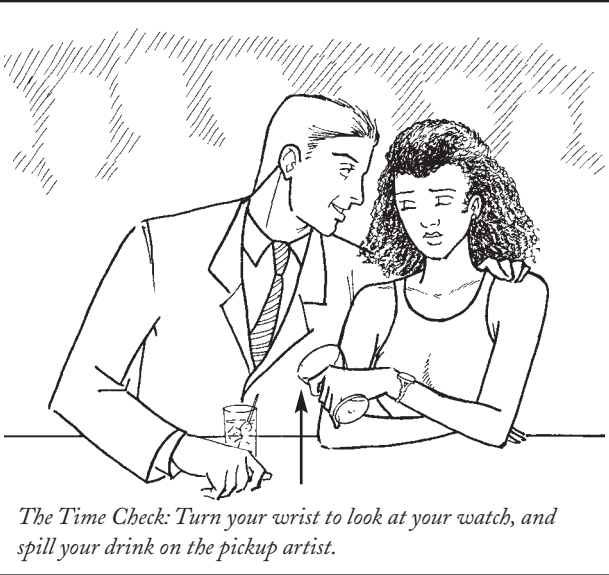
Do not give him your name, and do not tell him where you live, who you are waiting for, or any other detail or insight into your personal life or plans.
- 4 Make it clear that you are not interested.**

Be direct and forceful. If he persists, you may have to become rude or leave. If you make it obvious that nothing is going to happen that evening, he’ll move on to other prospects.
- 5 Turn away and ignore him.**

Talk to a friend or the person sitting on the other side of you. The pickup artist likes the chase most of all—put a stop to the chase and he will look elsewhere.



The Elbow Knock: Turn back to glance at the pickup artist and sweep your elbow toward the glass.



The Time Check: Turn your wrist to look at your watch, and spill your drink on the pickup artist.

6 Cause an “accident.”

- **The Elbow Knock:** Use this technique if you are seated at a bar or table. Notice where glasses and plates are located on your table. Turn around to talk to a friend, or simply look away, and position your elbow. As you turn back, sweep your elbow into any glasses or plates on the table, knocking them into his lap or onto his shirt.
- **The Hair Flip:** While standing facing your suitor, bring your hand up to adjust your hair. Do this quickly so that he tips his glass toward his body and his drink spills all over him.
- **The Time Check:** While standing next to your would-be suitor, hold your drink in the hand of your watch arm. Say, “Is it *time* yet?” Then turn your wrist to look at your watch, thereby spilling the drink on the pickup artist.

7 Apologize insincerely.