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## Understanding Why Some Men Struggle with Emotional Avoidance in Relationships

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych. | info@nancybergeron.ca

As a relationship counsellor many women ask me: "Why is my partner so emotionally unavailable?" or "Why won't he open up to me?". If you're in a relationship with a man who seems emotionally distant, you're not alone. Emotional avoidance is incredibly common among men (and women too). While it can feel confusing or painful in a relationship, it's often rooted in early life experiences and cultural messages, not a lack of love or care.

## 1. Cultural and Social Conditioning

From a young age, many boys are taught to suppress their feelings. Messages like:

"Don't cry." "Man up." "Be strong." are often used to discourage boys from expressing emotions like sadness, fear, or vulnerability.

Over time, this social conditioning can lead men to associate emotional expression with weakness or failure. Vulnerability feels unsafe. Many men grow up believing they must always appear "in control," which means avoiding emotions, both their own and others'.

### 2. Early Childhood Attachment Patterns

Many emotionally avoidant men learned, early in life, that emotional needs wouldn't be met. Perhaps their caregivers were:

Emotionally distant. Critical or punishing when they expressed feelings. Overwhelmed and unavailable themselves.

As a result, these men developed an avoidant attachment style. They learned to cope by shutting down emotional needs, relying only on themselves, and avoiding dependence on others. In adult relationships, this can look like:

Withdrawing during conflict. Struggling to express affection or emotional presence. Feeling overwhelmed when their partner expresses strong emotions.

### 3. Fear of Shame and Vulnerability

Opening up emotionally requires risk. For many men,



emotional intimacy feels like stepping into unknown and possibly dangerous territory. They may fear:

Being judged. Saying the wrong thing. Being seen as "not enough".

To protect themselves from the possibility of shame or rejection, they pull back emotionally. This doesn't mean they don't care. It means their nervous system is trying to protect them.

#### 4. Lack of Emotional Awareness or Language

Many men simply haven't been taught how to identify, name, or communicate their feelings. Emotional intelligence is a skill set, one that needs modelling and practice. Without that early modelling, men may not even recognize what they're feeling, much less how to express it in a way that feels safe or clear.

This lack of emotional literacy can come across as:

"I don't know what I'm feeling." "I'm fine." (when they're clearly not). Defensiveness or silence during emotionally charged moments.

### 5. Modelling and Role Expectations

Most men were raised in environments where male role models modelled emotional detachment or stoicism. If their fathers, uncles, or coaches didn't show emotional vulnerability—or worse, shamed it—they may not have any roadmap for what emotional availability looks like. In adulthood, many men feel emotionally "lost" and unsure how to engage on a deeper level.

## 6. Protective Coping from Past Wounds

If a man has experienced trauma, betrayal, or loss in the past, emotional avoidance may be a protective strategy. Avoiding closeness can feel like a way to prevent being hurt again. Unfortunately, what once served as protection can eventually become a barrier to healthy connection.

**Book Suggestion:** The New Rules of Marriage: What You Need to Know to Make Love Work by Terrance Real.

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## **GAMES & PUZZLES**

## **Guess the School Tool!**

- 1. In the early 1960s, the first one of these was created to assist with number manipulation.
- Before rubber, tablets of wax and crustless bread were both used at one point to do the job of this school tool.
- 3. A semi-circular measurement tool that deals with angles.
- 4. An organizer typically characterized by its circular or D-shaped retainers.
- 5. The first of these vibrant, attention-drawing school tools was invented by Dr. Frank Hon in 1963.
- 6. Alphabetical reference books that are always being updated, named after the Latin word for "the act of speaking".



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## The Art of Finding Work: Jobseekers Need to Learn to 'Move On'

by Nick Kossovan

Everyone knows ghosting and rejection are inherent parts of job searching. Yet, job seekers waste vast amounts of energy and time lamenting what they can't control. There's a prevalent sense of entitlement that employers owe job seekers, which goes against the universal truth that nobody is owed anything, be it a job, to make a living, or even happiness.

Job searching, regardless of the economic climate, has always required resilience. The key to resilience is having realistic expectations, such as understanding that employers you don't work for don't owe you anything. Having a 'F\*ck it!' mindset that empowers you to move on quickly is how you foster resilience.

## Ghosted: You didn't get the job. Move on.

- You didn't hear from an employer after submitting your resume: There were candidates with more relevant experience and were a better cultural fit. Move on.
- When a networking attempt fails: A stranger isn't willing to drop everything to help you. Move on.
- Not taking down a job posting: Some people never take down their Christmas decorations. If a job can be left open for a significant amount of time, assume it isn't critical. Do you want a non-critical or non-essential job? Move on.

## Thinking about how the hiring process should be won't get you a job.

Getting frustrated and angry at how an employer designed their hiring process won't get you a job.

Getting upset over being ghosted won't get you a job. It wasn't the employer who ghosted you; it was an employee whose behaviour doesn't speak for an entire company.

Life is too short to spend time and energy dwelling on "what could have been" and "whys." This is especially true regarding things out of your control, such as how an employer designs their hiring process or runs their business. The most common false belief I repeatedly see people hold, and which causes much of their

frustrations and anger, is that they can change other people's behaviour—as if it's their place to do so.

While it's natural to feel disheartened, it's crucial to understand that wallowing in the many disappointments you'll experience throughout your job search and believing you can control other people's behaviour hinders your progress.

When you invest your heart and soul into an application only to be met with silence or rejection, it's easy to spiral into self-doubt. Consider why you're giving a hiring manager—a stranger—influence over your self-esteem. Hence why I recommend embracing a 'F\*ck it!' mindset as a defence against rejection eroding your confidence.

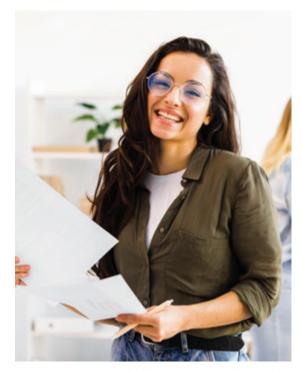
I've been rejected many times, more than I've been accepted. I've learned the hard way, a running theme throughout my life, that if I permit it to do so, repeated rejection triggers a cycle of negative thinking that paralyzes me, regardless of whether I'm searching for work, submitting my writing, or reaching out to someone hoping to form a relationship. Dwelling on past disappointments sabotages future opportunities.

There are many reasons why quickly moving on, as opposed to wallowing, playing the "I'm a victim!" card, getting angry, or venting on LinkedIn and other social media platforms—which is never a good look—benefits your job search.

### There's no shortage of opportunities.

In several previous columns, I've mentioned that opportunities are all around you, with one caveat: they're attached to people. In 2024, employers are turning to their employees for referrals since job postings result in avalanches of applications, predominantly from job seekers who spray and pray. This underscores the importance of networking rather than applying to online job listings.

Clinging to rejections, being ghosted, or whatever is frustrating you is wasting mental energy you could be using to speak to people who may be able to refer you to job openings where they work. Starting right now, shift your focus away from past disappointments—forget about them, what's done is done, you can't change the past—and focus on future possibilities aligned with your skills and aspirations and start making



it a point to meet people, because you never know what opportunities they may be attached to.

## Much of the hiring process is out of your control.

In the same way that you can't control the behaviour of others, you can't control how an employer hires. Many factors influence hiring decisions, notably internal politics and team dynamics. Instead of internalizing these setbacks, remind yourself of your skills, experiences, and past achievements.

## Not quickly moving on is counterproductive.

Dwelling on why you were ghosted or didn't get the job—instances in which you'll never know the actual reason—drains your energy, energy better spent on proactive measures to enhance your candidacy for future roles.

The key to a successful job search is to keep moving forward and stay focused on what you can control, such as optimizing your LinkedIn profile—arguably the most critical tool in a job seeker's arsenal—resume, and expanding your network to take advantage of all the opportunities around you.



## Richmond | Knob Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Richmond I Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price		
July 2025	\$849,000	\$830,000		
June 2025	\$879,450	\$868,500		
May 2025	\$825,000	\$812,500		
April 2025	\$749,900	\$740,000		
March 2025	\$972,250	\$950,800		
February 2025	\$789,999	\$788,888		
January 2025	\$828,500	\$773,500		
December 2024	\$899,900	\$890,000		
November 2024	\$849,900	\$835,000		
October 2024	\$690,000	\$680,000		
September 2024	\$859,000	\$859,000		
August 2024	\$429,900	\$457,600		

Last 12 Months Richmond I Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold	
July 2025	22	19	
June 2025	25	12	
May 2025	19	15	
April 2025	15	11	
March 2025	19	8	
February 2025	10	9	
January 2025	9	5	
December 2024	5	9	
November 2024	14	13	
October 2024	10	7	
September 2024	14	11	
August 2024	13	7	

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **rkh.mycalgary.com** 

## **Creamy Beef Enchiladas**

by Jennifer Puri

The idea of rolling tortillas around food originated in Aztec times but it was the Spanish Conquistadors who adopted the dish and added new ingredients like cheese, pork, and chicken.

Enchiladas, meaning "to season with chilies", refers to stuffed corn tortillas that have been dipped in a chilli sauce. A traditional Mexican dish, Enchiladas have a unique flavour and are a perfect combination of tortilla, meat, cheese, and sauce.

Smothered in sauce and baked, creamy beef enchiladas are filling and rich, so they are best paired with a simple bean salad or Mexican rice.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes Bake Time: 30 minutes

**Servings:** 5 to 6 **Ingredients:** 

• 1 ½ lbs lean ground beef

1 tbsp. canola oil

• ½ cup yellow onion, sliced

1 cup cooked and rinsed black beans

• 2 packets (24 gm each) hot and spicy taco seasoning

• 6 large flour tortillas

• 1 1/2 tsp. powdered cumin

• 1/4 cup all purpose flour

• 1 can diced green chili peppers

• 1 cup milk

2 cups light sour cream

• 1/2 cup low fat Greek yoghurt

2 cups Mexican shredded cheese

#### **Directions:**

- Heat oil in a medium size pan, add onion and sauté until it turns a light brown. Then add the ground beef and brown about 3 to 4 minutes. Next add the taco seasoning and the black beans and continue to stir for 2 to 3 minutes.
- Add the water and simmer the beef and bean mixture for about 20 minutes or until the liquid has dried up. Remove from heat and allow to cool.





- 3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 4. Grease a large, rectangular oven-proof dish with butter. Place the tortillas on a flat surface and divide the cooled meat mixture between the tortillas. Fold tortillas and place them in the baking dish seams side down.
- 5. Prepare the cream sauce by combining the flour, cumin, sour cream, milk, yoghurt, and chilies in a bowl. Then spoon the sauce over the tortillas and sprinkle the cheese over it. Cover with non-stick foil and bake in the oven for 30 to 40 minutes.
- Garnish with chopped tomato, avocado, and coriander leaves, and serve with a salad, salsa, and sour cream if desired.

Bon Appétit!

## **SAFE AND SOUND**

## **Back to School Safety**

by Alberta Health Services



Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

#### Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

#### **Around School Buses**

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.

 Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

#### Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- · Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: Children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

## Nutrition to Help Manage Blood Pressure

by Alberta Health Services

Hypertension means there is too much pressure in your blood vessels. Over time, this can damage them and can increase your risk of heart attack and stroke.

Managing high blood pressure may include changing what you eat, managing your body weight, being physically active, limiting alcohol, engaging in relaxation practices, reducing or stopping tobacco use, and can include medication. Your healthcare provider can support you.

This article will focus on which food and nutrition choices may help manage your blood pressure. It includes what to eat more of and what to cut back on.

#### What To Consume More Of

**Vegetables and Fruits:** Vegetables and fruits are packed with fibre and nutrients that can help lower blood pressure. People who eat many vegetables and fruit are at lower risk for developing high blood pressure. Fresh, frozen, or canned varieties can all help lower your risk. At meals, try to fill half your plate with vegetables and fruits. Ideas to get more: have a piece of fruit at breakfast or add extra vegetables to wraps, sandwiches, and leftovers at lunch.

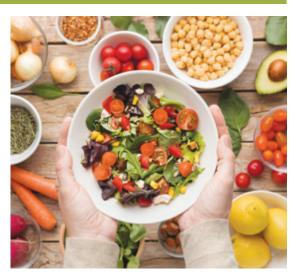
**Whole Grains:** Whole grain foods include all parts of the grain and have important nutrients like fibre, vitamins, and minerals. They include bulgar, buckwheat, oats, cornmeal, wild, or brown rice. If choosing a bread or a cereal, look for "whole" or "100% whole grain" on the package. For example, whole grain or whole rye.

**Beans, Peas, and Lentils:** Replace meat with beans, peas, or lentils at some meals. Add kidney beans, chickpeas, and lentils to soups, casseroles, salads, and pasta sauce. Try roasted chickpeas or lentils as a crunchy snack.

**Foods with Calcium:** Try to have at least two servings daily of calcium-rich foods like milk, yogurt, fortified plant-based beverages such as soy, oat, or almond, and salmon or sardines canned with bones.

#### What To Eat or Drink Less Of

**Refined Grains:** Refined grains are different than whole grains. Refined grains have parts of the grain removed



when they are being processed, so they have less fibre and sometimes fewer vitamins. Examples of refined grains include white bread, cakes, and other foods made with white flour.

**Added Sugar:** Added sugar means sugar, syrup, or honey added to food and drinks. It's recommended to limit sugary drinks.

Added Salt, Packaged or Processed Food: Salt contains a mineral called sodium. Your body needs small amounts of sodium to work properly. Most Canadians eat almost two times the sodium they need. The top sources of sodium in the Canadian diet include soup, cheese, breakfast cereals, salty snacks (like chips and pretzels), baked goods like bread and crackers, processed meals like deli meats and sausages, and condiments and dips such as ketchup, soy sauce, and BBQ sauce.

**Caffeine:** Caffeine is found in coffee and coffee-based drinks, tea, colas, and energy drinks. Limit caffeine to no more than 400 mg a day. This is equal to two to three cups (eight ounces each) or 500 to 750 ml of coffee.

There are many foods that can affect blood pressure. When you start with small changes, improving what you eat and drink seems more manageable—your heart will thank you for it.

You can find more tips on managing blood pressure by visiting ahs.ca/nutritionhandouts and searching "Nutrition and Lifestyle Choices to Manage Blood Pressure".

## **Age-Friendly Calgary Essential Numbers for Seniors in Calgary**

## **9-1-1** Emergency (24-Hour)

For EMERGENCY medical, fire, and police response. Call the non-emergency police line at **403-266-1234** to report an incident that is not an emergency.

#### 8-1-1 Health Link (24-Hour)

Health advice (including dementia advice) from a registered nurse.

## **3-1-1** City of Calgary (24-Hour)

Information on all City of Calgary services. www.calgary.ca.

### **2-1-1** Community Resources (24-Hour)

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## 403-SENIORS (403-736-4677) The Way In

Information, advice, and help accessing programs and benefits for older adults.

**403-266-HELP (403-266-4357)** Distress Centre and SeniorConnect (24-Hour)

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## GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT

## WHAT IS THE SCAM?

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The scammer will often send someone to the door to pick up payment.

## **BAIL FACTS:**

- Police, lawyers, judges or jails do not call people to get money.
- Bail/fines are typically paid at a courthouse, police station or jail.
- Bail in Alberta is typically \$10-\$500.
- Bail can't be paid using gift cards.



"Court appointed" couriers don't exist. If someone asks to come to your home to pick up payment, it's a scam.



If it has to be now, it has to be no. Using fear or highpressure tactics are usually a red flag.

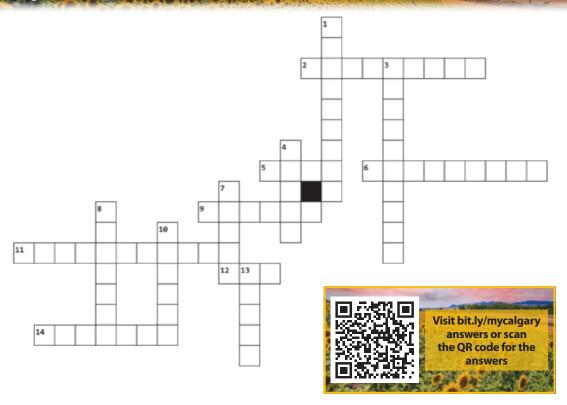


Always ask for proof of identification and call-back numbers. Talk to family, friends or other people you trust to help verify claims or requests.

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE If you have lost money or the scam is in progress, contact the Calgary Police Service at <u>403-266-1234</u>

To report a scam in general, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at <u>1-888-495-8501</u>

## **September Crossword**



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- 2. Ernest \_\_\_\_\_\_'s *The Old Man and the Sea* was first published on September 1, 1952.
- September's full moon is named after a plant also known as maize.
- 6. In September 1835, Charles Darwin, aboard the *HMS Beagle* arrived at the Islands.
- 9. *The \_\_\_\_\_ Girls*, a sitcom about four older women living together in Miami, premiered on September 14, 1985.
- 11. Ice hockey forward, John Tavares, was born on September 20, 1990, in \_\_\_\_\_\_, Ontario.
- 12. This "Finger Lickin' Good" fast food restaurant opened its first franchise on September 24, 1952.
- 14. Starring Canadian actor, William \_\_\_\_\_\_, *Star Trek* premiered on September 8, 1966.

#### Down

- 1. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened to the public on September 2, 1995, in \_\_\_\_\_\_, Ohio.
- 3. On September 19, 1893, this country became the first to grant all women the right to vote.
- 4. Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard \_\_\_\_\_ was born on September 21, 1934.
- On September 4, 1888, George Eastman patented a roll-film camera and introduced this now-iconic brand name.
- 8. Canada beat the USA by 23 runs on September 25, 1844, in the first international \_\_\_\_\_ match.
- 10. On the first Monday of September, \_\_\_\_\_ Day is observed in Alberta.
- 13. Stars of *Bridget Jones's Diary*, Colin\_\_\_\_\_ and Hugh Grant, were both born in September 1960, just one day apart.

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