

# Etiquette with your cell phone

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about cell phone conversations in a public eatery. Granted, most of the time it can be avoided — and should be. However, there are exceptions, and bystanders should not be so judgmental. I'm a hospice nurse and am often on call, yet not at the office. I must take the calls I receive and often work through complex problems on the phone, no matter where we



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are or what we are doing. Sometimes the calls are quite lengthy; sometimes there are none at all.

Bystanders who might judge my cell phone use do me a great disservice, and likewise people in other professions. My family is just glad that I can go out and enjoy time with them, even when I'm "working." They appreciate what I do and are proud that I give these worthy patients attention when they need it. Please consider that when you are a bystander, you might not know the "rest of the

story." — NURSE IN ADA, OKLA.  
DEAR NURSE: While your cell phone use in restaurants might be necessary, you know as well as I do that most conversations aren't. You are the exception. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: After reading about obnoxious cell phone use in your column, I had to share something I saw. I was waiting in line at a bank while a mother on a cell phone was doing her transactions. Her 10-year-old daughter was at her side.

The mother was in not one, but two conversations: "Yeah, yeah, that's right. No, no, I was talking to HIM. OK, fine! No, no, I was talking to HER." Finally finished and still talking, the woman walked outside, and I went to the teller's

window.

I quickly finished my business and noticed the daughter was still standing next to me. I took her outside and found the mother getting into a convertible, still on the cell phone, as was the (male) driver. As the child and I neared the car, I realized the two adults were talking to each other! — ANDY IN TUCSON

DEAR ABBY: I informed my 17-year-old daughter that when we are together, it's offensive and rude for her to be on the cell phone. I don't mind a quick, "I'm having dinner with my mom; I'll get back to you later." I give her the same respect, even when her father calls me. In other words, all members of this family extend the same courtesy to each other. — THERESA IN SUGAR-

LAND, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I work in retail, and this has happened to me. When a customer approaches me while talking on a cell phone and tries to hand me merchandise, I smile and say, "No, don't give it to me yet! Finish your call. It must be important." Then I just stand there. I'm always polite and cordial, and you'd be amazed how quickly they get the "hint." — LOVES MY JOB

DEAR ABBY: An old boss invited me out to lunch; however, within only a few minutes of our being seated, he took a cell phone call. I sat there for 20 minutes trying not to listen in, then finally I got up, walked out and went home. He called me later, upset that I had "abandoned" him. My response: "I thought

we were having lunch together, but you were busy." We've had lunch several times since, and he always turns his cell phone off as we take our seats. — READER IN THE SOUTHWEST  
DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion. If you notice someone ignoring his or her dinner companion and talking at length on a cell phone, it might be a kindness to invite the ignored person to join you. Not only could you make a friend, the rude person might get the hint that such behavior is unacceptable. — TERI IN LYNN, MASS.

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TUESDAY EVENING												E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone				NOV. 22, 2005				
E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30								
36	47	A&E	Cold Case Files		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Random 1 "Mark/Joe" (N)		Crossing Jordan "Some-one to Count On"		Cold Case Files							
4	6	ABC	2005 American Music Awards				The Rolling Stones; Chesney; Sheryl Crow; Rob Thomas.		Mariah Carey; Kenny		News		(:35) Night-line		(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)					
26	54	ANPL	Ultimate Animals Chee-tah; barracuda; gannet.				The Most Extreme "Ath-letes" Shrew; gorilla.		The Most Extreme "Jumpers"		Ultimate Animals Chee-tah; barracuda; gannet.		The Most Extreme "Ath-letes" Shrew; gorilla.							
63	67	BRAVO	The Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion				The Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion				Happy Days Reunion									
7	11	CBS	NCIS "Frame-Up" (N)		The Amazing Race: Family Edition (N)		Threshold "Progeny" (N)		News		(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)		Late Late Show							
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief "Cops and Robbers"		Giant Cranes		MythBusters "Chinese Invasion Alarm"		SOS: Coast Guard Res-cue (N)		Dirty Jobs "Cheese Mak-er" Vermont cheese.									
33	56	DISN	Kim Possi-ble	The Proud Family	Sister, Sis-ter	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★ ★ "Beethoven" (1992)		Charles Grodin. An evil veterinarian kidnaps a lovable Saint Bernard. 'PG'									
49	66	EITV	It's So Over: 50 Biggest		Celebrity Break-Ups!		Gone Bad		Friends		Demi Moore: The E!		True Hollywood Story							
22	28	ESPN	College Basketball		College Basketball: EA Sports Maui Invitational				SportsCenter				NFL Live							
23	29	ESPN2	(5:00) College Football		Toledo at Bowling Green.		College Basketball: Guardians Classic Final				Series of Poker									
32	58	FAM	★ ★ ★ "The Sixth Sense"		(1999, Suspense) Bruce Willis.		Whose?		The 700 Club		Videos		Videos							
35	-	FMC	★ ★ ★ "The Mephisto Waltz"		(1971) Alan Alda.		★ ★ "To Be or Not to Be"		(1983) Mel Brooks.		"The Last Hard Men"									
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live "Country Ham"		Jamie O'Neal.		Restaurant Makeover		Recipe for Success		\$40-a-Day		\$40-a-Day		Iron Chef New potato dishes.		Emeril Live			
13	7	FOX	Bones "A Man on Death Row" (N)		House "Hunting" (N)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Blind Date (N)		Blind Date		Maury							
40	41	FX	Fear Factor		King of Hill		King of Hill		'70s Show		'70s Show		★ "Just Married" (2003)		Ashton Kutcher.					
30	27	FXSP	Football		All-Access		Football		Barbershop		Myers		Best Damn Sports Show		Spotlight		Football		Best-Sports	
-	60	HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger		"Straight From the Heart"		(2003) Teri Polo.		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H					
5	-	HBO	(5:00) "Empire Falls"		(:45) ★ ★ ★ "Big Fish" (2003, Drama)		Man investigates his father's tall tales.		Ewan McGregor. A young ♂ "PG-13" (R)		The Sopranos "Long Term Parking"		Rome Pullo and Vorenus are rewarded.							
62	44	HGTV	Designed		Design		Decorating		Mission		Designers		Small		Design		Designer		Designed	
58	48	HIST	Mail Call "Minot AFB" (N)		Shootout! The hunt for Osama bin Laden.		Man Moment Machine		The Big Build "Viking Longboat" (N)		Mail Call "Minot AFB"									
25	38	IND	Friends		Friends		Sex and the City		Sex and the City		(:10) Sein-feld		(:40) Sein-feld		(:10) Sein-feld		(:40) Sein-feld		(:10) ★ ★ ★ "Grumpier Old Men" (1995)	
18	63	LIFE	"In the Lake"		★ ★ "In Dreams" (1999)		Horror		Annette Bening.		Will-Grace		Will-Grace		Golden		Golden			
54	74	MTV	TRL (iTV)		Home		Home		Direct Effect		Real World		Real World		Real World		Real World			
3	9	NBC	News		Ent. To-night		The Biggest Loser (N)		My Name Is Earl (N)		The Office Earl (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		News		Tonight Show			
8	8	NBC	The Biggest Loser (N)		My Name Is Earl (N)		The Office Earl (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N)		News		(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night					
34	55	NICK	SpongeBob		Full House		Full House		Fatherhood		Roseanne		Roseanne		Cosby		Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.	
2	2	PBS	Nova "Storm That Drowned a City" (N)		Global Warming: The Signs and the Science		Frontline "The Storm" (N)		BBC World News		Hardware		Charlie Rose (N)							
38	71	SCIFI	Firefly "Out of Gas"		Firefly "Ariel"		Firefly "War Stories"		★ ★ ★ "The Cell" (2000)		Jennifer Lopez.									
61	72	SPK	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★ ★ ★ "Mr. Nice Guy"									
39	43	TLC	While You Were Out		Martha Betty White. (N)		Rides "Foosie's '69" Working on a Camaro.		Overhaulin' "Nova-Caine" Surprise.		Overhaulin' Hairdress-er's car needs repair.									
28	40	TNT	PGA Golf		PGA Grand Slam of Golf -- First Round.		Las Vegas		Cold Case "Fly Away"		The X-Files									
51	49	TRAV	Taste		Taste		Made		Made		Taste		Taste		Made		Made			
21	59	TVLND	Little House		Griffith		Sanford		GoodTime		GoodTime		Happening!		Cheers		Night Court		Sanford	
60	79	UNIV	Contra Viento y Marea		La Esposa Virgen		Casos de la Vida Real		Impacto		Noticiero		La Hora Derbez							
20	37	USA	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU							
12	3	WB	Friends		Everybody-Raymond		Gilmore Girls "He's Slip-pin' Em Broad...Dig?"		Supernatural "Asylum" (N)		News		Sex and the City		Will & Grace					
99	39	WGN	Da Vinci's Inquest		Da Vinci's Inquest		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City		Becker		Da Vinci's Inquest							

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36	47	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Inside the Playboy Mansion Hugh Hefner's palace.				Crossing Jordan "Se-crets & Lies"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter			
4	6	ABC	Kenny Chesney: Some-where in the Sun (N)		Lost "Collision" (N)		Invasion "The Dredge" (N)		News	(:35) Night-line	(:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)				
26	54	ANPL	Emergency Vets Hedge-hog.		Venom ER Black-widow bite.		Animal Cops Houston "Center of Chaos"		Emergency Vets Hedge-hog.		Venom ER Black-widow bite.				
63	67	BRAVO	★ ★ ★ "U-571" (2000) Matthew McConaughey. Allied sailors hatch a dangerous plan to capture a Nazi sub. 'PG-13' (R)						★ ★ ★ "U-571" (2000, Action) Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton. 'PG-13' (R)						
7	11	CBS	Still Stand-ing (N)	Yes, Dear (N)	Criminal Minds "De-railed" (N)		CSI: NY "City of the Dolls" (N)		News	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late Late Show				
55	42	DISC	It Takes a Thief "Security He Said/She Said"		Mega Machines "Task Masters"		Mega Machines "Tech-nology Titans"		Dubai's Ski Resort A ski resort in the desert. (N)		MythBusters Ping-pong balls lift boat.				
33	56	DISN	Kim Possi-ble	The Proud Family	Sister, Sis-ter "I Do?"	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★ ★ ★ "Holes" (2003, Adventure) Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight. 'PG' (R)						
49	66	EITV	Country Divas: The E! True Hollywood Story				Palms	Palms	Howard S.	Howard S.	Barbi Twins: THS				
22	28	ESPN	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets				College Basketball: EA Sports Maui Invitational				SportsCenter				
23	29	ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball Preseason NIT Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				College Basketball				
32	58	FAM	★ ★ ★ "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993, Comedy) Robin Williams, Sally Field.						The 700 Club		Videos	Videos			
35	-	FMC	★ ★ ★ "100 Rifles" (1969, Western) Jim Brown.				★ ★ ★ "That Thing You Do!" (1996) Liv Tyler				"Joshua Then"				
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live "Classic Thanksgiving"		Behind the Sugar Rush Bash (N)		Good Eats "Stuff It"	Good Eats	Iron Chef Kamo eggplant competition.		Emeril Live "Classic Thanksgiving"				
13	7	FOX	★ ★ "Anger Management" (2003, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson.				The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Blind Date (N)	Blind Date (N)	Maury				
40	41	FX	Fear Factor		King of Hill	King of Hill	'70s Show	'70s Show	★ ★ "Tears of the Sun" (2003) Bruce Willis.						
30	27	FXSP	Football	Spotlight	Stampe	Poker Superstars	Best Damn Sports Show		Sports Show	Playbook	Football	Best-Sports			
-	60	HALL	Walker, Texas Ranger				★ ★ ★ "Mighty Joe Young" (1998) Bill Paxton		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			
5	-	HBO	(5:00) ★ ★ "Envy" (N)	(:45) ★ ★ ★ "Spanglish" (2004) Adam Sandler. A housekeeper works for a chef and his neurotic wife. (N) 'PG-13' (R)					Curb Your Enthusiasm	Curb Your Enthusiasm	Curb Your Enthusiasm	Curb Your Enthusiasm			
62	44	HGTV	Kitchen	Want That	Buy Me (N)	Cash Attic	Designed	What Get	Design	FreeStyle	Kitchen	Want That			
58	48	HIST	The Presidents The nation's founding fathers.		The Presidents "1825-1849"		The Presidents "1849-1865"		The Big Build "The Fort" (N)		The Presidents The nation's founding fathers.				
25	38	IND	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	(:10) ★ ★ ★ "Angel Eyes" (2001, Mystery) Jennifer Lopez, Jim Caviezel.						
18	63	LIFE	"Living With"		"Mind Over Murder" (2005) Tori Spelling.				Will-Grace	Will-Grace	The Golden Girls				
54	74	MTV	TRL (iTV)		Pimp Ride		Pimp Ride	Direct Effect	Hard Rock	Aeon Flux	Bam	Bam			
3	9	NBC	News	Ent. To-night	E-Ring "The Forgotten" (N)		Faith Hill: Fireflies (N)		Law & Order "Criminal Law" (N)		News	Tonight Show			
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34	55	NICK	Jimmy Neutron: Gen.		Full House	Fresh Pr.	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.			
2	2	PBS	Secrets of the Dead (N)		In Search of Myths and the Golden Fleece" (N)		Heroes "Shangri-La; Jason & the Golden Fleece" (N)		BBC World News		As Time Goes By	Charlie Rose (N)			
38	71	SCIFI	Firefly "The Message"		Firefly "Heart of Gold"		Firefly		★ ★ "Dolly Dearest" (1992) Denise Crosby.						
61	72	SPK	★ ★ ★ "Crocodile Dundee" (1986) Paul Hogan.				CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★ ★ ★ "GoldenEye"				
39	43	TLC	While You Were Out		Martha (N)		Face Eating Tumor		Psychic Witness Double murder.		Psychic Witness "Mother's Heartbreak"				
28	40	TNT	PGA Golf PGA Grand Slam of Golf -- Final Round.				★ ★ ★ "The Legend of Bagger Vance" (2000) Will Smith.				Legend				
51	49	TRAV	American Casino		World Poker Tour				American Casino		World Poker Tour				
21	59	TVLND	Little House		Griffith	Sanford	TV Land	GoodTime	Happening! Cheers		Night Court/ Sanford				
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