

Question

Posted by Geshmak! - 27 Oct 2022 18:05

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Don't know we're to post this so I'm putting it here

does anybody know a way to block hotlines on a phone?

like I bh don't have access to any dirt my computer has netfree filter and my phone is parental control with genteck so bh safe...

but still have one major issue it's the chat lines there's no way to block it and I was all the way in... and it was destroying my life. But when I almost did the worst with someone I said I better stop before it's to late... so I went on to gye and bh didn't speak to anybody on the lines from 100 days before rosh hashonah( see different post I wrote abt it) but I still had problems with stopping to be mzl but bh I recently got to my 90th day BH! But I'm starting to get urges to start calling again I miss it I love it etc. for me the best thing is to just be locked out of it not having access is what works best for me. I tried many times different things to block that I can't call these numbers and it just didn't work...

maybe someone on this beautiful site knows a way to block it. Please let me know it will really help me .

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Re: Question

Posted by cordnoy - 16 Nov 2022 20:13

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Posted by DavidT - 16 Nov 2022 21:18

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- 3- When you stop acting out for any length of time, do you experience withdrawal symptoms like

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4- Have you taken steps to hide your behavior or have you repeatedly, but unsuccessfully, tried to stop on your own?

If you answered yes to these questions, you likely suffer from addiction.

A habit is a learned and ingrained association between a stimulus (or incentive) and a response (or behavioral reaction) manifested consciously or subconsciously to achieve a goal. Addiction is a more complex disease.

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I'm really confused and actually a little scared.... Am i addicted or not ?? and if ya is it bad? Scary? Can I live a normal life even being an addict with going to sa?!

who can I call that will conform for me my status?

Not scary...

Maybe try reaching out to Dov about it. He helped me gain clarity on this...

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Re: Question

Posted by Markz - 16 Nov 2022 21:50

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David,

Forgive me for re-quoting a recent post of mine, but it's probably relevant :-)

What do you think?

[Markz wrote on 25 Oct 2022 01:02:](#)

Brother, you raise a good point but I think you're mixing medical diagnosis with religion.

For example to consider a health problem "**Using porn/masturbation more than intended or using it for longer than you're meant to**" - is likely referring to someone that masturbates 2-3 times a day. Whereas once / twice a week would not meet the criteria. Same goes for many other criteria.

On the other hand we are religious Jews, so masturbating twice a month is sacrilegious. But don't confuse it with the DSM mental health criteria...

So I beg to disagree with your conclusion that "*I post this post because I think that a lot of people don't want to call this battle what it is: ADDICTION. What percentage of people on this site meet at least the 6 criteria I bolded above? Probably a very high percentage.*"

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Yes, I am well aware, and that is similar to your question #4; why bother with the other three then? Continuously engagin' in bad habits can lead to loss of control as well.

You are well aware that as of late I don't engage much in philosophy talk, but with you (whom I hold in high esteem), I make an exception.

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Re: Question

Posted by Sapy - 17 Nov 2022 15:08

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This philosophical question, is one that has been chewed over many many times, and there is really no proof to either side, since if someone feels better at some point, SA would say, you were never an addict.... but Real addicts don't get cured.

I don't see the point of labeling it, if you cant stop, go get help. Period. You can start on GYE, speaking to real people, advance to therapy, or SA, will you get "cured"?? In most therapy models they believe that you will, (although I believe they also agree, that a slip back is a possibility to some extent) in SA they believe that you don't. And you gotta keep working.

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How can that be your ersonal experience if you never went to SA? strange....

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