

Late-night calls are still impolite

Dear Jo:
I read your column regularly and appreciate your practical advice. As a retired teacher and widow, I have a very busy, yet pleasant, life.
My problem, a minor yet annoying one, is late night telephone calls. I am an early riser (not surprising after 40 years of teaching) and retire for the night around 10. I have a phone by my bed.

The phone calls are usually from younger people and the reasons for the calls vary from meeting reminders to "just calling to chat."

I am usually fast asleep and when the phone awakens me my heart pounds as I reach to answer it. I fear the call may be of an emergency nature from my family so I never let it ring.

When I was growing up it was considered good manners not to phone anyone after 10 p.m. Is this not so

any longer?

Mrs. M.L.
City Reader

Dear Mrs. L.:
Elizabeth L. Post, author of the column "Etiquette for Every Day," writes that late night callers are very inconsiderate, and the only way to deal with them is on an individual basis. It's nice to know that these calls are still frowned upon by society in general.

To avoid the startling effect that results in a pounding heart, you may want to remove the phone from your bedside and place it somewhere in the house within hearing distance. The ringing will wake you, but it won't be quite so invasive. Then tell family members if they call after 10 to let the phone ring at least 10 times.

Dear Jo:
My husband has taken on a second

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career — the investment business. At age 66 he has taken the securities course and has a part-time job with an investment company. I admire his spirit.

My problem is that I don't know what he is talking about when he discusses the market.
Is there a dictionary of financial terms that I could consult? Mrs. E.J.

Dear Mrs. J.:
Try Barron's Finance and Investment Handbook. It includes a dictionary of finance and investment terms as well as how-to chapters on investing and reading annual reports.
The \$21.95 USbook, published by Barron's Educational Series Inc., can be found in most bookstores.

Dear Jo:
As a gerontologist, do you practice what you preach?
D.V., Western Reader

Dear Mr. Y.:
Yes, no, and sometimes. I try. I'm human — that's my excuse!

Readers can write to Jolayne Farrell at 11 Cynthia Crescent, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1J3.

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