

# Ionic Bonds Online Dating Service

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This is a chemistry project from last year where we were supposed to create a wanted poster for an element. I think Mr. Bergandine might have meant a Wild-West-criminal-wanted-poster, but I thought a personals ad was in order.

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wanted: sophisticated atom to bond with

name: hydrogen

nicknames: isotopes include deuterium, tritium

date of birth: 1766

current place(s) of residence:

water, exit signs, atmosphere, cryogenics, thermonuclear weapons, the Hindenburg (previously), rocket fuel, welding, production of many chemicals, and 90% of the universe.

how much money do you make? \$7.00 per tritium keychain

is family important to you? what is your family structure like?  
how do you feel this has affected your personality?

Family is very important to me; unfortunately, I have no real family. The alkali metals kindly adopted me out of the goodness of their hearts, and many believe that they are my true group, but in actuality, I am alone and bereft in this world. I think this may be the root of my recent relationship problems; in my desperate search for a constant in my tumultuous life, I often enter unthinkingly into ionic bonds, especially with the halogens, whose seven electrons I cannot help but find attractive.

what types of atoms have you shown preference towards in the past? do these preferences at all affect your ability to love unconditionally? do they show something deep and passionate about your basic nature?

I am passionately attached to oxygen above all other atoms, but the unshared pair it insists on bringing into the relationship has caused terrible strains on my confidence. Chlorine, nitrogen, sulfur, bromide -- in fact, most of the periodic table -- has, at some point or another, also been connected with me -- some bonds more tenuous than others, I must unwillingly admit. I am an open and loving atom, willing to connect with many different types of atoms.

what is your Relationship Style (click for a special quiz written by IONIC BONDS ONLINE DATING SERVICE's very own Ava Gadro to figure out what your Relationship Style is)?

According to this quiz -- and I cannot help but trust such an illustrious figure as Ms. Gadro -- my attachments are often shallow and selfish. Bonds with myself, "hydrogen bonds," are often broken, however, in my attempts to cling to the warmth and protons of other atoms. I am also potentially dangerous, which is true. The Hindenburg fiasco was largely my fault, and I make up 66% of the chemical dihydrogen monoxide, which makes up

how would you describe yourself, physically? a large part of acid rain.

(this is to be accompanied by a recent photograph, so that potential electron-sharers may test your level of honesty)

I am, at room temperature, a colorless gas. I am also the lightest gas, but forays in the aviation department on my part have proved dangerous for other parties, as I am extremely volatile.

what things, other than electrons, could you bring to a bond?

Since I make up 90% of the universe, I could guarantee that whatever lucky atom wants to take a chance on me would be able to spend a lot of time with me.

(this is my profile, by the way. I think this is my best side.)



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