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Advice Guru



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Dear Advice Guru:

I live with my grandmother and I trust her as if she were my best friend just recently we have been fighting about something that happened this summer. She found out that I have become sexually active. It isn't the fact that I am it is the fact that she won't let me date anymore. She also told me if I ever got pregnant before I turn 18 that she would make me get an abortion. I've thought about moving in with my mother but it would make things even worse on my life. What should I do? Please help. -- BBR of Arkansas

Dear BBR:

channelone.com's stance on questions that involve sex is that teens should abstain from sex and hold off until they're at an age when they are more emotionally ready and are in a committed relationship. But you've clearly already gone beyond that point. I'm just going to go ahead and assume that, along with becoming sexually active, you are practicing safe sex, which — depending on your religious beliefs — not only means birth control, but also protecting yourself against HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Your grandmother sounds like she's doing a little freak-out, and in this day and age, who can blame her? She's also probably a little weirded out and hurt by the fact that you didn't share your feelings with her and made such a big decision without talking to her first, being best friends and all. There's no two ways about it. You have to sit down with your grandmother and talk about things slowly and intelligently. Explain to your grandmother

I GUESS THAT MEANS AGE 15.

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