

Re: Venting!

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"Sandi" <sanditypes@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:3joeCbFr1bifU1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> "CyberCafe" <pkbk@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:42d6ef9e_3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> Sandi wrote:
>>> Hi, y'all, I just had to vent.
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>>> My Mom is gone on a trip, so I promised to call my grandmother every
>>> couple of days and check on her. I've been trying to reach her
>>> since Tuesday, and her line is either busy or she doesn't answer
>>> every single time. I'm an hour and a half drive away from her, so I
>>> can't just pop in.
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>>> What aggravates me is that I know she does this on purpose to worry
>>> us and also to then be able to say we haven't called. But you know,
>>> she's almost 87, and you can never be sure that she isn't sick or
>>> something, so I have to worry anyway.
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>>> My mom goes to visit her every day, and sometimes she will come to
>>> the door, and sometimes she won't. She'll be inside, just sitting
>>> there, and won't open the door! Often Mom ends up leaving the food
>>> she makes her on the porch and just leaving. Then later she says,
>>> "Well, I was right here, you should have knocked harder." The
>>> problem is, how the heck are we going to know if something does
>>> happen to her? Mom has a key to her place, and I told her to start
>>> unlocking the door and going in when she won't answer, but she won't
>>> do it.
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>>> So here I sit, dialing and dialing when I don't have time to dial
>>> and dial. What a bummer. Why do people have to be so weird????
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>>> :(
>> Does she have one of those medic alert lifeline devices a person can
>> wear and press the button when they are in trouble? Sounds like she
>> would be an ideal candidate for one of them.
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>> Barb

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I've never figured why one of those overpriced things is any better than a cell phone. It's no harder to press 9-1-1 than to push the button and have someone else do it for you, and the phone lets you call someone else if it's something less urgent.

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> Nah, she's perfectly able to get to the phone. She's doing it on
> purpose. It's not a new thing for her, though. She's always done this
> sort of thing.

I suppose you could call the local PD and have them contact her under their "community caretaking" function. After a couple visits, they might impress on her the need to answer her telephone or doorbell a bit more promptly. Otherwise, is there a next-door neighbor who could check on her from day to day? I used to keep an eye on the old couple next door (in their late 90's) until their health forced them into a nursing home.

Eliyahu

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