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## Dear Sally,

My husband of twenty years is a pyro. He's known about his abilities ever since he was a kid, and told me he's only ever used it as a party trick when he was younger. But ever since the new laws passed, he's grown... more distant. He tells me he's visiting his brother, disappearing for hours at a time sporadically throughout the week, but always comes home with holes in his clothes that weren't there before, or a smudge of soot and ash he forgot to wipe away. One day, he came back with his hands covered in bandages, and told me that he and his brother had accidentally started a grease fire in his kitchen.

The fact is, I'm becoming concerned. I knew he had these abilities when we got married, but he promised me he wouldn't use them. I'm afraid that he's using his powers more and more often. What if he burns something down, or gets someone hurt? What if he starts using his powers in front of our kids? And the police still aren't kind to people with abilities, especially not to pyros. If he gets arrested, I'm scared I'd never see him again. How do I broach this subject with him? And how do I make sure he's being safe?

Sincerely,  
Concerned Wife

## Dear Concerned Wife,

You have every right to feel the way you're feeling. Your husband's powers are inherently dangerous, and if they aren't properly reigned in, has the potential to cause a lot of damage. Your first step should be to reach out to a support group for friends and family members of people with magical abilities. A number of these have begun to crop up as magic continues to enter the public eye, so finding a local group shouldn't be difficult, and they may be able to provide a valuable perspective on your dilemma.

You should also, obviously, have a discussion with your husband regarding these issues. Believing that you and your children may not be safe in your own home is a big deal, and your husband should be aware of your concerns. If he doesn't share them, or grows in recklessness as a result, consider a marriage counselor so that you can try to rebuild a trust and understanding between each other and foster a safe home for yourselves and your children.