



The Smartphone Compulsion Test

This test was developed by Dr. David Greenfield, founder of the Center for Internet and Technology Addiction and psychiatry professor at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Make a check mark next to the questions below that apply to you.

- ☐ Do you find yourself spending more time on your cell or smartphone than you realize?
- ☐ Do you find yourself mindlessly passing time on a regular basis by staring at your cell or smartphone?
- ☐ Do you seem to lose track of time when on your cell or smartphone?
- ☐ Do you find yourself spending more time texting, tweeting, or emailing as opposed to talking to people in person?
- ☐ Has the amount of time you spend on your cell or smartphone been increasing?
- ☐ Do you wish you could be a little less involved with your phone?
- ☐ Do you regularly sleep with your cell or smartphone (turned on) under your pillow or next to your bed?
- ☐ Do you find yourself viewing and answering texts, tweets, and emails at all hours of the day and night—even if it means interrupting other things you are doing?

- ☐ Do you text, email, tweet, Snapchat, Facebook message, or surf while driving or doing other similar activities that require your focused attention and concentration?
- ☐ Do you feel your use of your cell or smartphone decreases your productivity at times?
- ☐ Do you feel reluctant to be without your cell or smartphone, even for a short time?
- ☐ Do you feel ill at ease or uncomfortable when you accidentally leave your smartphone in the car or at home, have no service, or have a broken phone?
- ☐ When you eat meals, is your cell or smartphone always part of the table setting?
- ☐ When your cell or smartphone rings, beeps, or buzzes, do you feel an intense urge to check for texts, tweets, emails, updates, and so on?
- ☐ Do you find yourself mindlessly checking your cell or smartphone many times a day, even when you know there is likely nothing new or important to see?

Count your score. Here's how Greenfield interprets people's scores:

1–2: Your behavior is normal.

3–4: Your behavior is leaning toward problematic or compulsive use.

5 or more: You may have a problematic or compulsive smartphone use pattern.

8 or more: If your score is 8 or higher, you might consider seeing a psychotherapist who specializes in behavioral addictions for a consultation.

Total: _____