Does Alice respond directly to inquirers? [1]

1) Dear Alice,
If you answer a question on your website, do you also send the answer to the individual? Which is to ask, do I need to keep checking in to see if you've answered my question?

2) Dear Alice,
Did you receive my question from Sunday? If so, do you give individual responses?

3) Hi Alice,
Is it possible that you answer a question privately? In other words, can I be sure that my question won't be posted on the Internet, and still get my answer?

— lonely grad student

Answer

Dear Reader 1, Reader 2, and lonely grad student,

As key as each of your questions are, Go Ask Alice! isn't an immediate or direct response site and is unable to provide individual responses. Further, to maintain reader anonymity, no identifying information is collected (i.e., it's not requested). The site can be used, however, to learn about resources including websites and various health organizations who may be equipped to give answers more quickly.

While you won't receive an answer privately, the Go Ask Alice! site has a wealth of stored information, ready to be opened and read. The questions answered by Go Ask Alice! are available so you can search [2] through the archives for a possible answer to your question. Whether you're interested in health issues related to alcohol and other drugs [3], emotional health [4], general health [5], nutrition and physical activity [6], relationships [7], or sexual and reproductive health [8], there is a lot of helpful information available here.

To see whether or not your question has been answered and posted on the website, consider signing up for Get Alice! In Your Box (GAIYB) [9]; every Friday five new or updated questions are
published to the homepage (one of those questions could be yours!). GAIYB is sent out via email soon after the questions are published — you can scan the email to see if your question has been answered. Visiting the website regularly is also an option (and a good one at that). You can check out the Recent Q&As to keep up with questions Go Ask Alice! has recently answered. Using the site's search engine (accessed by using the search box at the top right corner of every page on the site) is another option. The titles of questions are usually named using at least one keyword from the main topic of the question. Even if the keyword(s) that you enter aren't in the title that has been created, a list of Q&As with those keywords in the text will appear. The search function scans all of the Go Ask Alice! categories, so there's no need to figure out where your question has been placed.

Best of luck on your quest to find answers to your queries!

Alice!
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