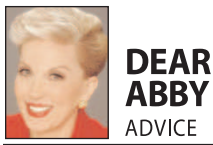


Parents hesitate to allow addict son to move back in



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: My 24-year-old son is in rehab for the second time. We paid for the first, but we are not financing this one. He has moved in and out of our home since he was 18. We have tried written agreements, but he doesn't follow them. We let him move back in after his first stay in rehab, despite the fact that he had stolen from us and had failed to get a job, etc. He not only didn't get a job, he also didn't help around the house or do any of the

other things he had promised. One month later, he began using again. He claims to be taking rehab seriously this time, and wants to move back in with us when he gets out. He says he now realizes he can't stay clean without following the 12 steps, including acknowledging a higher power, and without the support of his family. Over the past year, we spent several thousand dollars helping him solve his problems. Our question is, will we be enabling him by letting him return home, or would it be best to help him transition to a halfway house? — **Supportive Parents**
Dear Supportive Parents:

You are caring parents, and I know this has been painful for you. Do not allow your son to move back in without first discussing it with the people at his rehabilitation center whose business it is to work with addicts. From my perspective, it would be better for your son — and for you — to have him pursue his sobriety at a halfway house.
Dear Abby: My son is getting married in a few months. I always believed that if my child loved his partner, I would like him or her and be happy for them. Race, religion, sexual orientation, etc., would never have mattered to me. I found out this week that my future daughter-in-law totally

rejects modern medicine. My son is a cystic fibrosis carrier. She refuses to be tested because "no one in her family has ever had CF." Our family can say the same thing, but both of my sons and I are CF carriers.
She plans home-births with her mother as her midwife and believes vaccinations are harmful. My son supports none of this, but plans to marry her anyway. They want to get pregnant right away and eventually have five children. She's only 21, and intelligent, but she has been home-schooled, and her father does not allow internet in their home. I feel her position on medicine is due to not being informed. Her religion does not

forbid it. I am heartbroken. Is there anything I can do?
— **Heartbroken in Michigan**
Dear Heartbroken: Not a lot, I'm sorry to say. You could point out to your son that he should insist he and his fiancée have genetic testing done before starting a family, which could avert a tragic and preventable problem. You could print out material from respected sources — the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation would be among them — but you cannot force the fiancée to accept it. Other than that, all you can do is cross your fingers and pray the young couple will catch a lucky break in a game of genetic roulette.

Biden surveys NY and NJ storm damage, talks climate change

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MANVILLE, N.J. — Pointing accusingly at climate change, President Joe Biden toured deadly Northeast flood damage Tuesday, Sept. 7, and said he was thinking about the families who suffered "profound" losses from the powerful remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Biden traveled to New Jersey and New York City to survey the aftermath and call for federal spending to fortify infrastructure to better defend people and property from future storms in the region and beyond. He spoke with distressed residents whose homes were badly damaged or destroyed amid the flood.

"Every part of the country, every part of the country is getting hit by extreme weather," Biden said in a briefing at the Somerset County emergency management training center attended by federal, state and local officials, including New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy.

Biden said the threat from wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other extreme weather must be dealt with in ways that will lessen the devastating effects of climate change.

"We can't turn it back very much, but we can prevent it from getting worse," he said. Biden added that scientists have been warning for decades that this day would come and that urgent action was needed.

"We don't have any more time," he said.

Biden's plan to spend \$1 trillion on infrastructure nationwide is pending in Congress, and the White House asked Congress on Sept. 7 for an additional \$24 billion to cover the costs of Hurricane Ida and other natural disasters.

In New Jersey, he also walked along a street in the Lost Valley neighborhood of Manville, where cleanup continues after the Raritan River overflowed its banks. Many front lawns were covered with water-logged couches, pianos, crumbled plaster and other debris.

One home displayed a hand-painted sign that said, "Manville will be back better."

Biden, wearing a mask, spoke to adults and children, including Meagan Dommar, a new mother whose home was destroyed by fire as the flood occurred. She told the president that she and her husband, Caesar, had left because of the baby, then returned to find destruction.

"Thank God you're safe," Biden replied. As he walked the route, the Democrat was taunted by supporters of Republican former President Donald Trump, who yelled that Biden was a "tyrant" and worse. Biden did not look in their direction.

At the briefing, Biden focused on the personal calamities, saying, "The losses that we witnessed today are profound. My thoughts are with all those families affected by the storm and all those families who lost someone they love."

Before he arrived, Cristel Alvarez said she expected



President Joe Biden hugs a person as he tours a neighborhood impacted by Hurricane Ida, Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, in Manville, N.J. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., second from left, and New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, second from right, look on.

losses at her home to climb as high as \$45,000. She has lived in Manville for a decade and the flood was her family's second. Alvarez said she planned to apply for federal assistance but also intended to move away.

"Let him see everything that we're going through and hopefully we can get the help that we need because there's a lot of loss," she said.

Lou DeFazio, a contractor and three-decade resident of Manville, sat on his porch with a small Trump flag waving beside him and Kaycee, his dog barking through an open window. DeFazio said the town needs better planning instead of presidential visits.

"I think their efforts could be better spent in other areas. I don't know what they're gonna do for us," he said.

At least 50 people were killed in six Eastern states

as record rainfall last week overwhelmed rivers and sewer systems. Some people were trapped in fast-filling basement apartments and cars, or were swept away as they tried to escape. The storm also spawned several tornadoes.

More than half of the deaths, 27, were recorded in New Jersey. In New York

City, 13 people were killed, including 11 in Queens.

Biden's visit follows a Sept. 3 trip to Louisiana, where Hurricane Ida first made landfall, killing at least 13 people in the state and plunging New Orleans into darkness. Power is being slowly restored.

Manville, situated along New Jersey's Raritan River, is almost always hard-hit by major storms. It was the scene of catastrophic flooding in 1998 as the remnants of Tropical Storm Floyd swept over New Jersey. It also sustained serious flooding during the aftermath of Hurricane Irene in 2011 and Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Biden has approved major disaster declarations, making federal aid available for people in six New Jersey counties and five New York counties affected by the devastating floods. He is open to applying the declaration to other storm-ravaged New Jersey counties, White House spokesperson Jen Psaki said.

Biden also used his appearance in Louisiana to argue for his infrastructure plan.

Past presidents have been defined in part by how they handle such crises, and Biden has seen several weather-induced emergencies in his short presidency, starting with a February ice storm that caused the power grid in Texas to fail. He has also been monitoring wildfires in the West.

As president, Trump casually lobbed paper towels to people in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria's devastation in 2017, generating scorn from critics but little damage to his political standing. Barack Obama hugged New Jersey Republican Gov. Chris Christie after Superstorm Sandy in 2012, a brief respite from partisan tensions that had threatened the economy. George W. Bush fell out of public favor due to a poor response after Hurricane Katrina swamped New Orleans in 2005.

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weather

TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Smoky with patchy clouds	Showers, heavy t-storms	Partly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny
Baker City 53 Comfort Index™ 6	68 43 8	75 39 10	77 39 10	76 38 10
La Grande 55 Comfort Index™ 7	68 45 4	73 45 10	74 43 10	69 40 10
Enterprise 52 Comfort Index™ 6	68 45 5	71 44 10	75 46 10	73 40 10

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin	
High Tuesday	94°	90°	95°	
Low Tuesday	43°	48°	45°	
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Normal month to date	0.11	0.15	0.22	
Year to date	3.11	6.54	15.79	
Normal year to date	6.53	11.48	16.13	

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 122° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 26° Walden, Colo.
Wettest: 2.29" Orlando, Fla.

OREGON
High: 99° Rome
Low: 37° Klamath Falls
Wettest: none

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon wind	SSW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	6.3
Evapotranspiration	0.09

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	18% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	14% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	38% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	455 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	82 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs
Minam River at Minam	49 cfs
Powder River near Richland	3 cfs

WEATHER HISTORY

The thermometer at Washington, D.C.'s National Airport reached 90 degrees or higher for a record 60th time in 1980 by Sept. 9. Some people questioned the accuracy of the readings, but the record stands.

SUN & MOON

SUN	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:24 a.m.	6:25 a.m.
Sunset	7:15 p.m.	7:13 p.m.
Moonrise	9:25 a.m.	10:42 a.m.
Moonset	8:51 p.m.	9:16 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 28	Oct 6

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday night's lows and Friday's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY	
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	64/51/pc	Anthony Lakes	51 34
Bend	71/41/t	MT. EMILY REC.	57 38
Boise	75/56/t	Eagle Cap Wild.	58 33
Brookings	62/53/s	Wallowa Lake	69 47
Burns	73/38/t	Thief Valley Res.	68 43
Coos Bay	66/50/pc	Phillips Lake	66 42
Corvallis	74/47/pc	Brownlee Res.	76 50
Council	75/48/t	Emigrant St. Park	62 33
Elgin	67/44/t	McKay Reservoir	69 48
Eugene	77/49/pc	Red Bridge St. Park	68 45
Hermiston	75/57/t		
Hood River	75/53/s		
Imnaha	75/53/t		
John Day	71/51/t		
Joseph	69/47/t		
Kennewick	78/55/t		
Klamath Falls	74/39/s		
Lakeview	75/37/s		
La Grande	60/74		
La Moine	60/74		
La Pine	60/74		
Medford	61/79		
Meridian	61/79		
Monmouth	58/73		
North Bend	54/71		
Ontario	79/53/t		
Portland	60/74		
Redmond	53/73		
Salem	59/75		
Sisters	52/70		
Tillamook	51/63		
Umatilla	64/74		
Walla Walla	63/72		
Wheeler	64/74		

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice