

## Life Out of Control?

Do you sometimes feel that computers are running your life? From airplanes to automobiles to work stations at the office, computers are taking over more and more of our tasks. Is technology out of control, or are we?

Someone shared an illustration that provides some insight into these questions. Its source is not known, but you may find that you identify with some or all of it.

Ten signs your life is getting out of control:

1. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
2. You call your son's beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He e-mails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"
3. Your daughter sells Girl Scout cookies via her web site.
4. You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next-door neighbor yet this year.
5. Your grandmother clogs up your e-mail inbox asking you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
6. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is they do not have e-mail addresses.
7. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.
8. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
9. You're reading this.
10. Even worse, you're going to forward it to someone else.

And whatever happened to face mail?

--Beecher Hunter