

Online Dating Scams

Has an online love interest asked you for money?

That's a scam.



Scammers know millions of people use online dating sites. They are there, too, hiding behind fake profiles.

Signs of a Scam



Professes love quickly.
Claims to be overseas for business or military service.



Asks for money, and lures you off the dating site.

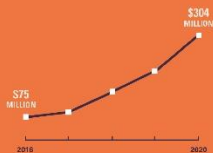


Claims to need money — for emergencies, hospital bills, or travel.
Plans to visit, but can't because of an emergency.

COSTLIEST SCAM

REPORTED TO THE FTC IN 2020

\$304
million lost



REPORTED MONEY LOSSES INCREASED 4X SINCE 2016

What to do

- 1 Slow down** — and talk to someone you trust. Don't let a scammer rush you.
- 2 Never transfer money** from your bank account, buy gift cards, or wire money to an online love interest. You won't get it back.
- 3 Contact your bank right away** if you think you've sent money to a scammer.
- 4 Report your experience to:**
 - The online dating site
 - Federal Trade Commission:
ReportFraud.ftc.gov