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.

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.

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Signs of a Scam

COSTLIEST SCAM REPORTED TO THE FTC IN 2020 $304 million lost

REPORTED MONEY LOSSES INCREASED 4X SINCE 2016

What to do

Slow down — and talk to someone you trust. Don’t let a scammer rush you.

Never transfer money from your bank account, buy gift cards, or wire money to an online love interest. You won’t get it back.

Contact your bank right away if you think you’ve sent money to a scammer.

Report your experience to:
• The online dating site
• Federal Trade Commission: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Learn more at ftc.gov/imposters and aba.com/engagement