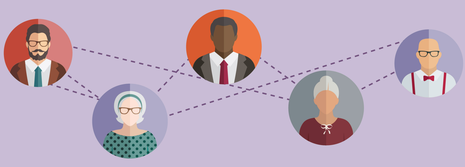
Online Dating Scams

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.

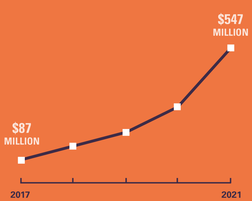
Signs of a Scam

- 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 2021

$547 million lost



REPORTED MONEY LOSSES **INCREASED 6X SINCE 2017**

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**

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