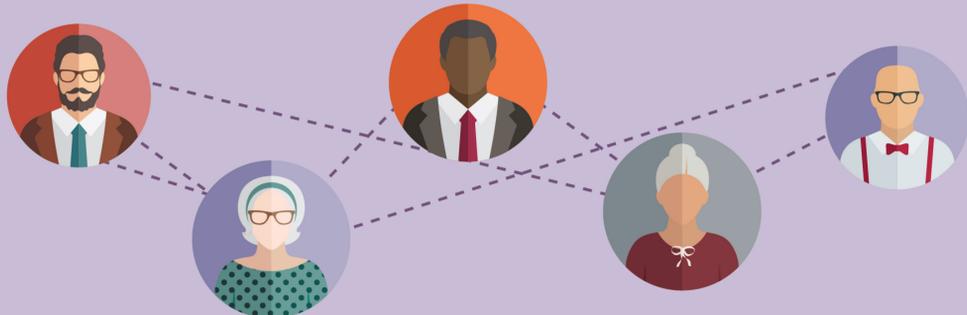


# Online Dating Scams

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.



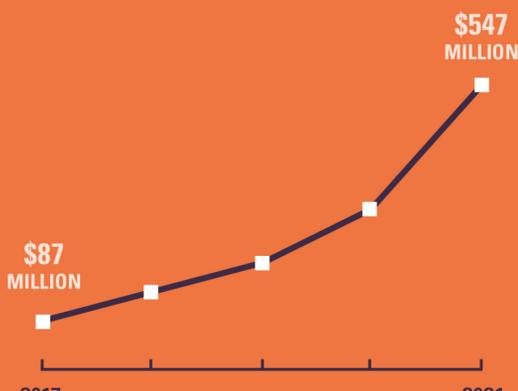
Claims to need money — for emergencies, hospital bills, or travel. Plans to visit, but can't because of an emergency.

## 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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