

UNDERSTANDING ROMANCE SCAMS

ROMANCE SCAMS prey on people's desire for companionship.

Romance scams target victims who may be emotionally vulnerable and desire companionship and friendship. They ask victims to send money for travel, medical expenses or a business opportunity.



Scammers often profess their love quickly and say they are living or travelling outside the United States. Common stories include a person in the military, working on an oil rig or a doctor with an international organization.



Never send money or gifts to a sweetheart you have not met in person. **Don't feel rushed by a scammer.** Talk to someone you trust and do your research.



Romance scammers will ask victims to pay for plane tickets, medical expenses or gambling debt. They also try to get victims to reload gift cards, wire money or pay for a visa.



In 2019, people reported losing \$209 million to romance scams. Romance scams have lost more money in the past two years than any other kind of fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission.

STOP. THINK. DON'T BE FOOLED.

Notify your bank immediately if you have given out your information, so they can help protect your account.

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