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Online Dating Scams



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In the digital age, finding love online is the norm. However, for thousands of people every year, a promising "match" turns into a financial nightmare. Romance scammers don't just steal money; they steal the victim's sense of security and self-worth.

The Typical Script

Most romance scams follow a predictable, highly effective blueprint:

- **The Ideal Profile.** Scammers often pose as widowed professionals, military members stationed overseas, or successful entrepreneurs. This provides a "reason" for

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their absence while establishing them as stable and trustworthy.

- **Love Bombing.** The scammer will shower the victim with intense affection, future-planning, and constant communication almost immediately. This creates a powerful emotional bond that bypasses logical skepticism.
- **The Manufactured Crisis.** Once the victim is hooked, a sudden emergency occurs: a medical bill, a legal issue, or a travel problem. They don't ask for a "loan" immediately; they ask for "help" during a desperate time.

The Red Flags to Watch For

1. **Refusal to Video Chat.** They always have a broken camera or a poor connection.
2. **Requesting Specific Payments.** They ask for money via wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or gift cards - methods that are nearly impossible to trace or reverse.
3. **The "Move Off-App" Push.** They will quickly try to move the conversation from the dating site to encrypted apps like WhatsApp or Telegram.

Romance scams are emotionally and financially damaging, but being aware of the red flags can protect you. Always trust your instincts, never send money to someone you haven't met in person, and report suspicious activity to protect yourself and others.

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