

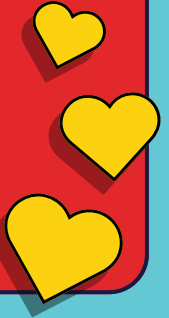


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SPOT & STOP ROMANCE SCAMS



Romance scams can happen to anyone.
Learn the warning signs and what to do if you
worry someone you care about is being targeted.



CHANGES IN YOUR LOVED ONE



BIG LIFE CHANGE

Emotional life events like grief, job loss, or divorce make people more vulnerable to scammers.



SOCIALLY ISOLATED

Scammers attempt to manipulate people into isolating themselves from their social circle, to prevent outside interference.



DEVICE ADDICTION

Scammers maintain constant contact to develop a quick and deep connection, which can result in a sudden increase in device use.

SCAMMER BEHAVIORS



WON'T MEET IN PERSON

An online love interest that refuses to meet in person.



TOO-GOOD-TO-BE-TRUE LOVE STORY

An idealized online love story that moves quickly with constant contact.



FINANCIAL REQUESTS

If someone you care about tells you that their online romantic interest is asking them for money— even for seemingly plausible reasons.

WORRIED ABOUT A LOVED ONE?

Approach the conversation with patience and empathy. Avoid accusing them or trying to prove they're being scammed. Instead, ask thoughtful questions that encourage them to reflect on the relationship. Continue showing up with patience and support.

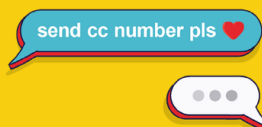
START WITH THESE QUESTIONS



Have you tried verifying their identity? We can research together.



Have they broken any promises? Let's list out promises made and promises kept.



Are you struggling with doubts but find it hard to address them alone due to emotional ties?



Have they asked you for money? Does this make you feel uneasy?

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Scams are built on emotional manipulation. It may take multiple conversations before someone is ready to accept what's happening. Continue showing up with patience and support.