Online Dating & Romance Scams Tips for Seniors

(Infographic)



Romance fraudsters use dating and social networking sites to contact their victims. They create accounts using stolen photos and back stories that often suggest they work in the military, overseas or in business. They profess their love to gain victims' trust and, eventually their money.



What are the signs?

Beware of:





Someone you haven't met in person professes their love to you.



People who claim to be wealthy, but need to borrow money.

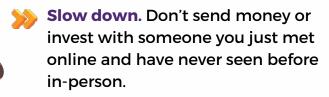


Any attempts to meet in person get cancelled.

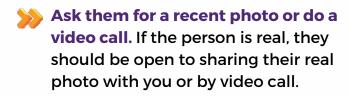


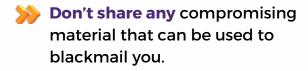
A person who discourages you from talking about them to friends & family.

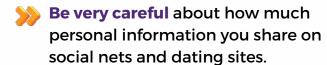














STATISTICS:



Losses:

\$50.3 million

Lost to romance scams in 2023



Reports:

1.135



Victims:

945

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