



## ROMANCE SCAM

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Some illegitimate dating websites make you pay for each email or message. Scammers will send vague-sounding emails filled with love and desire to keep you writing back.
- Scammers will try to build a relationship with you and exploit your compassionate side. They ask for money to help a sick family member, deal with a personal emergency, or to pay for travel expenses to visit you - and then they disappear.

### PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE ROMANCE SCAM:

- Check website addresses carefully. Scammers often set-up fake websites with similar addresses to legitimate sites.
- Never send money, or give credit card or online account details to anyone you don't know and trust.
- Ask yourself, "Would someone I have never met really declare their love for me after only a few letters or emails?"
- Always talk to a trusted loved one before you send money to people you have met online.



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