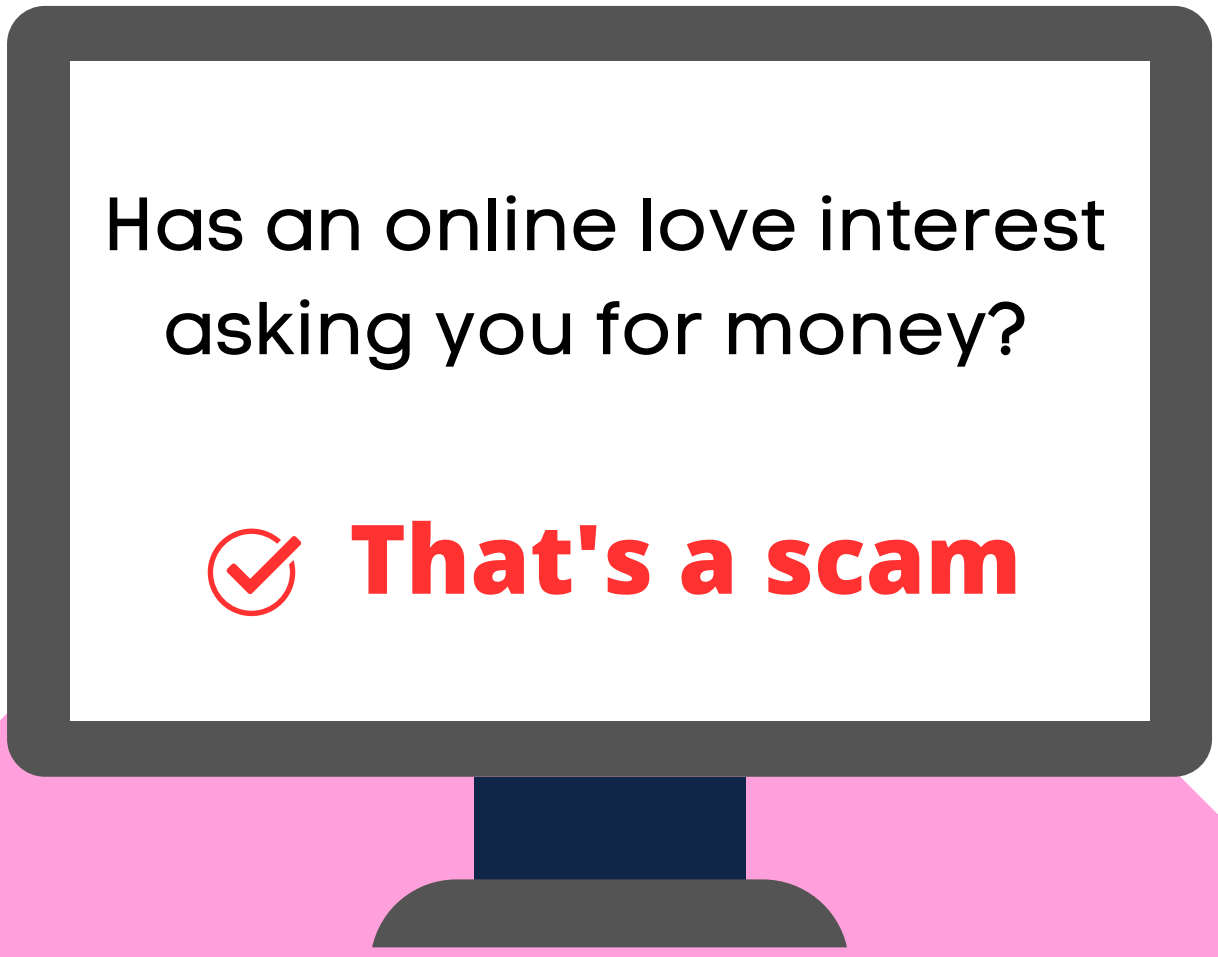
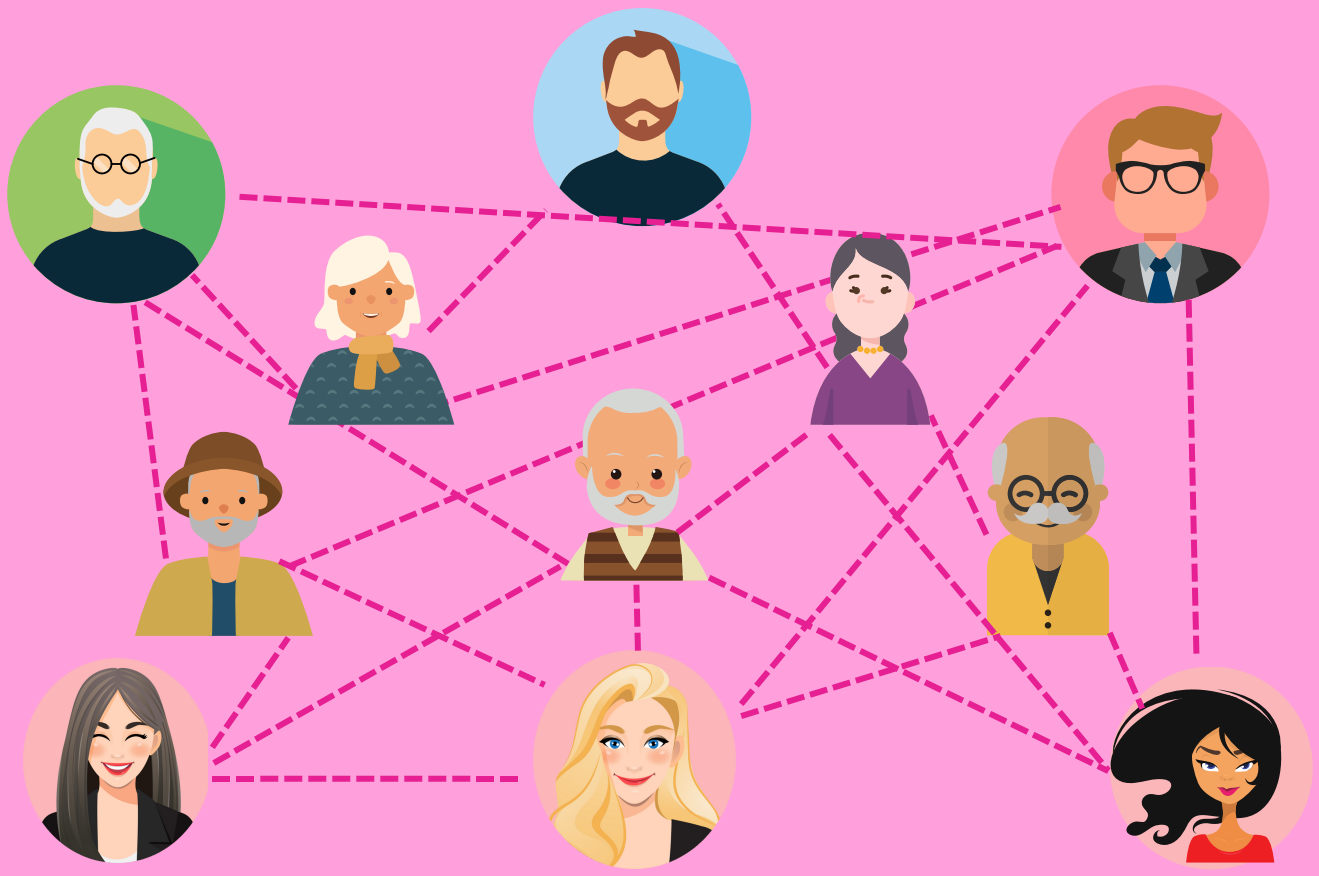
Online Dating Scams





Scammers know millions of people use online dating sites. They are there, too, hiding behind fake profiles.

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Signs of a Scam

Professes love quickly. Claims to be overseas for business or military service.

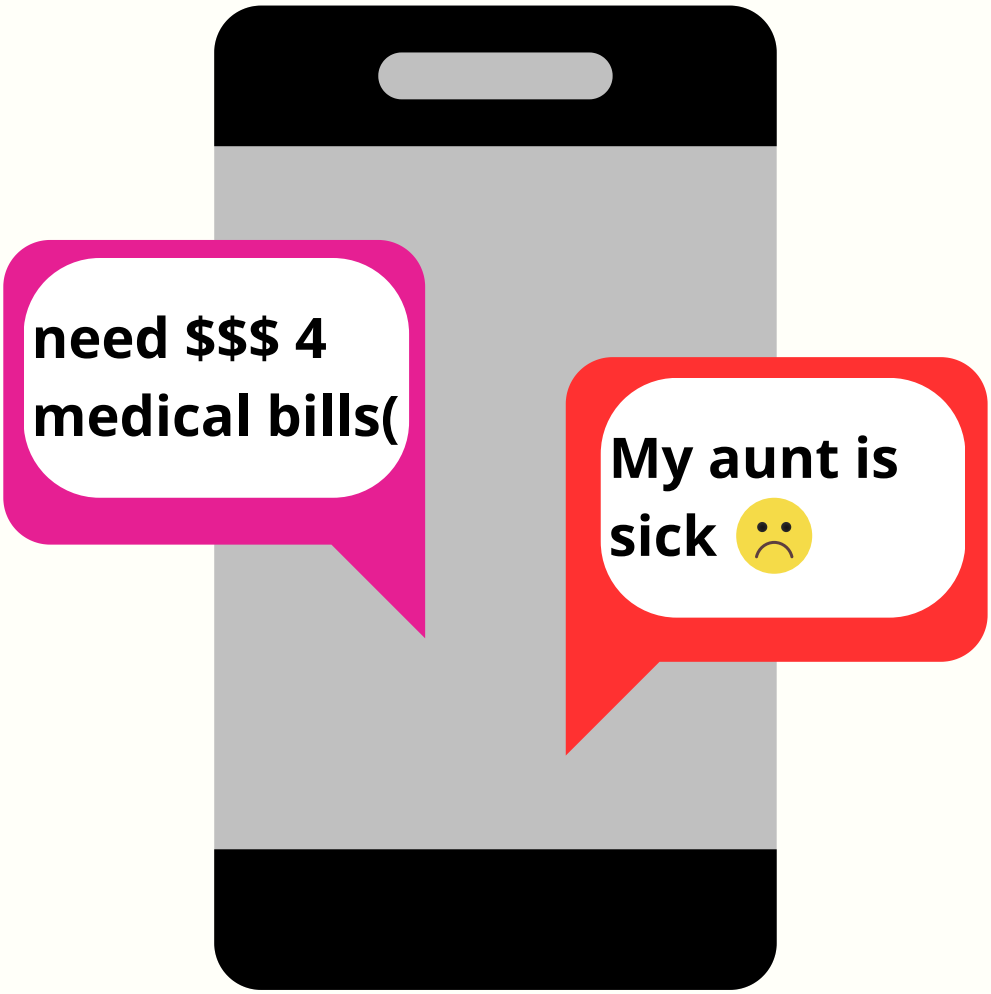
Asks for money, and lures you off the dating site.

Claims to need money - for emergencies, hospital bills, or travel. Plans to visit, but can't because of an emergency.

Costliest Scam

Reported to the FTC In 2022

$1.3 billion lost



Federal Trade Commission(FTD) Report

Online Romance ImposterScams video

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What to do

1. **Slow down** - and talk to someone you trust. Don't let a scammer rush you.

2. **Never transfer money** from your bank account, buy gift cards, or wire money to an online love interest. You won't get it back.

3. **Contact** your bank right away if you think you've sent money to a scammer.

4. Report your experience to:
   - The online dating site
   - Federal Trade Commission: **ReportFraud.ftc.gov**

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