

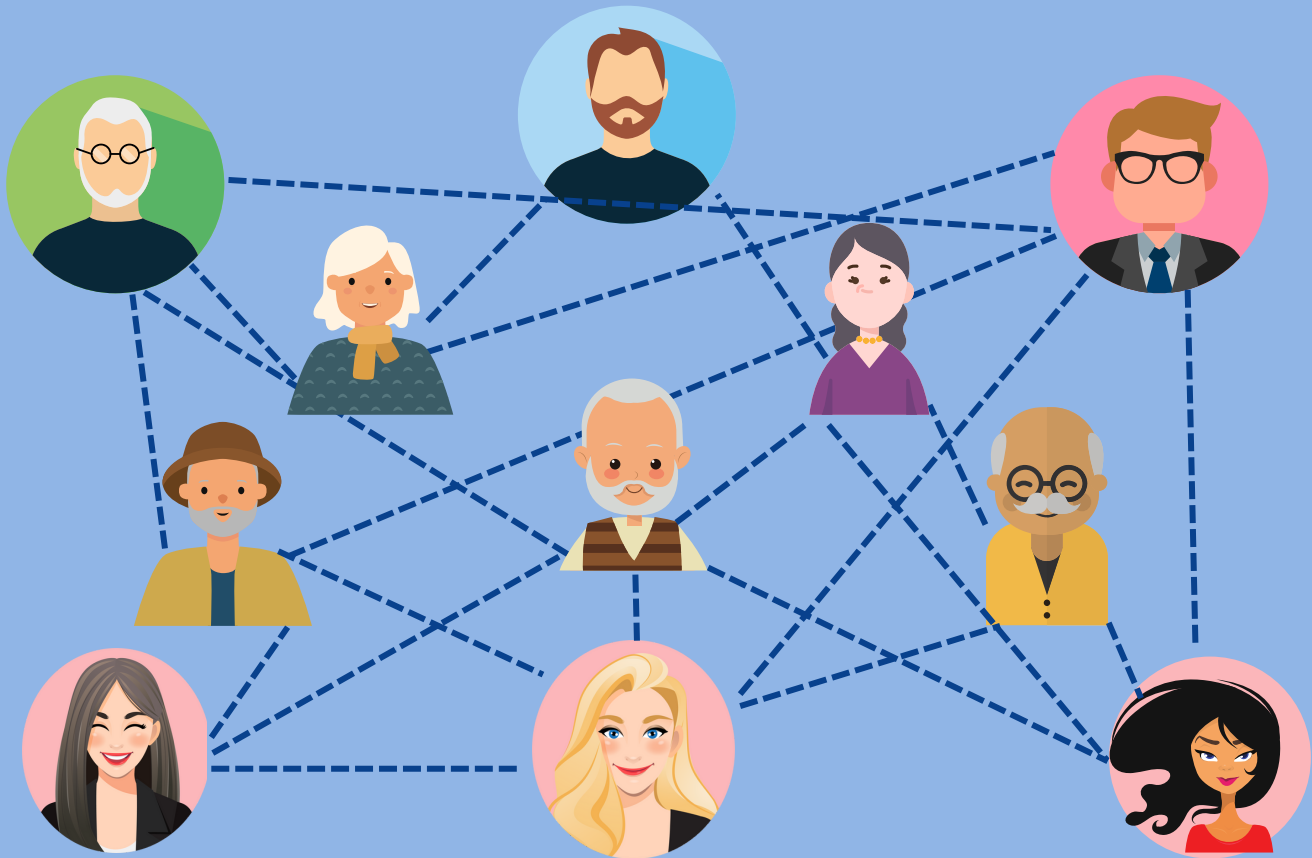


Online Dating Scams

Has an online love interest asking you for money?



That's a scam



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

For more resources, go to Investor Education at www.michigan.gov/securitiess



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.

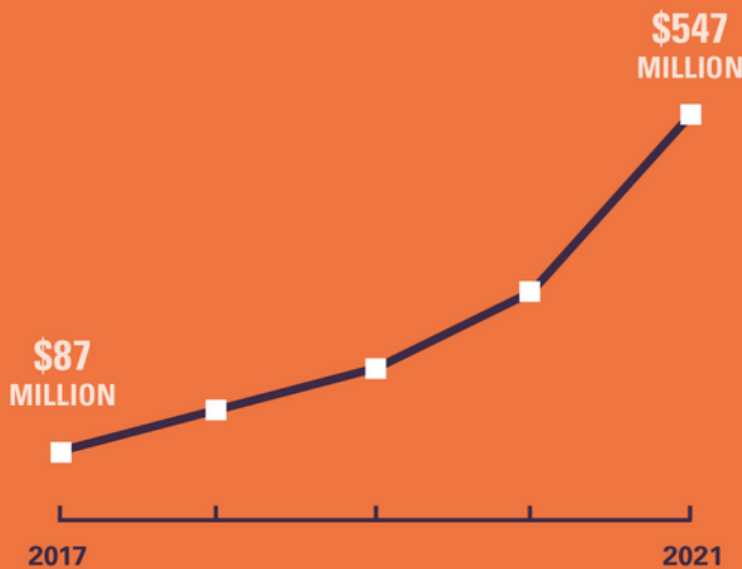


Claims to need money - for
emergencies, hospital bills,
or travel. Plans to visit, but
can't because of an
emergency.

Costliest Scam

Reported to
the FTC
In 2021

\$547
million lost



REPORTED
MONEY LOSSES
INCREASED 6X
SINCE 2017

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](https://www.ftc.gov/whats-new/2019/03/report-fraud)