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Romance Imposter Scams




How to Spot a Romance Scam

- ♥ They profess their love or strong feelings for you after a very short time.
- ♥ They ask you to start communicating away from the original site you met on.
- ♥ Their profile you read on the site might not match everything they tell you.
- ♥ After gaining your trust, they start telling you stories of bad luck or medical illnesses.
- ♥ They indirectly or directly ask for money, gift cards, or funds to pay credit cards.
- ♥ They delay meeting in person or talking with you on a video chat.
- ♥ When you do agree to meet, they cancel or postpone due to some emergency.

Where to Find More Information

-  **Better Business Bureau:** <https://www.bbb.org/scamstudies>
-  **VT 211:** call 211 or go to: <https://www.211.org/>
-  **AARP:** 877-908-3360 or <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/romance.html>
-  **Federal Trade Commission:** <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-you-need-know-about-romance-scams>

How to Report a Scam

-  **FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center:** <https://www.ic3.gov>
-  **National Elder Fraud Hotline:** <https://stopelderfraud.ovc.ojp.gov/>
-  **Federal Trade Commission:** call 877-382-4357 or <https://www.ftc.gov/>