



DATING AND ROMANCE SCAMS

Scammers take advantage of people looking for love



Scammers create fake online profiles on dating sites or social media



They approach you, gain your trust and profess their love



They say they are overseas and there is always a problem stopping you from seeing them either in person or by video chat



Victims often suffer a substantial emotional and financial toll



But no matter how much you give, they will always ask for more



They tell you a convincing sob story about why they need to borrow money or pressure you to invest money

STATISTICS:



Losses:
\$40.5 million
Lost to romance scams in 2022

Reports to Scamwatch in 2022



Reports:
3,698
up 8% on the previous year

People aged **65+** incurred the highest total losses to romance scams, totalling more than **12.9m**

PROTECT YOURSELF:



Remember if you're only interacting with someone online - they may not be who they say they are.



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