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# HOW TO SPOT ROMANCE SCAMS

**DO WHAT'S RIGHT ONLINE**

-  **CREATE**  
strong passwords
-  **PROTECT**  
personal information
-  **VERIFY**  
before clicking

 **CHECK  
Please!**  
Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Kind.



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# Before you trust or click, **CHECK PLEASE!**

Use our checklist of 5 tips to help you spot and counter a romance scam.

## **01** BE CAUTIOUS ONLINE

Romance scammers usually make contact through social media or dating websites, using false identities and photos. Be sceptical if a stranger claims to have strong feelings for you even before meeting in person.

## **02** IGNORE REQUESTS FOR MONEY

They may initially make requests for small amounts of money, (e.g., for daily personal expenses). These can quickly grow bigger, usually for bogus emergencies that the scammer insists can only be resolved with money. Don't respond to such requests.

## **03** KEEP YOUR DETAILS PRIVATE

Never share your personal information with anyone that you do not know personally. This includes photos or videos that could be used to blackmail you.

## **04** CONTACT THE AUTHORITIES

If the scammers have your credit card details, contact your bank immediately to cancel your card. However, since most scams operate from overseas, it is unlikely that you'll get your money back. Report the matter to the police to learn about your options.

## **05** TALK TO SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST

Being deceived by someone you trusted can be distressing. Talk to a close friend or family member for support.

