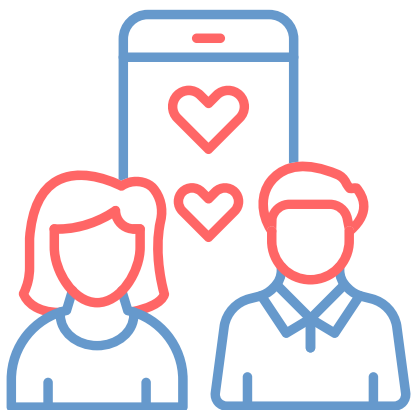




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Monthly Fraud Newsletter

let's talk romance scams



Romance Scams

TRUE LOVE OR TRUE SCAM?

350+ Million people around the world use dating apps or social media to find their true love. However, many find a true scammer instead, trying to gain access to large amounts of money.

DON'T BE ASHAMED, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT

RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR:

They tell you an elaborate story and ask for money or your banking details early into the relationship. Most within weeks or months.

Their dating profile or social media does not align with what they are telling you.



They always have an excuse for why they cannot meet you in person or ask you to keep the relationship secret from family and friends.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU MIGHT BE GETTING SCAMMED, YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

The United States makes up
38%
of new scam profiles detected globally.

~ \$15,000

was the average loss per victim of romance scams in 2022.

The United States reported a loss of
\$1.3 Billion
due to romance scams in 2022. *This does not include unreported scams.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BANK IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR SUSPICIONS THAT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN A ROMANCE SCAM. YOUR FINANCIAL SECURITY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.