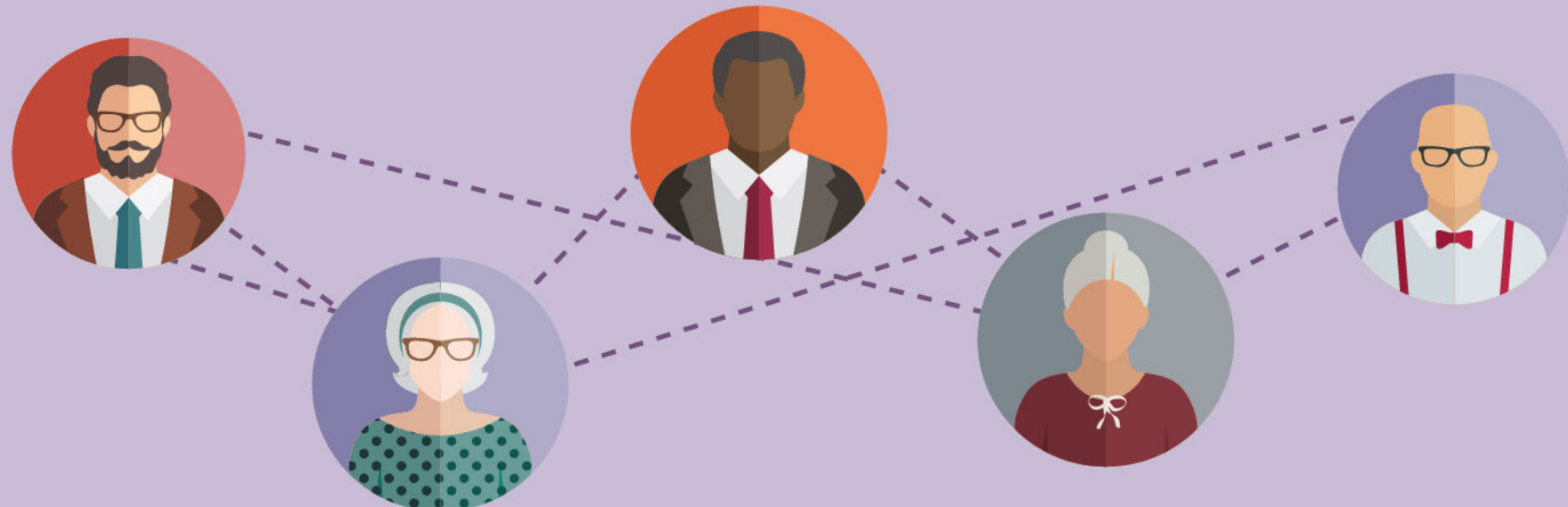


# Online Dating Scams

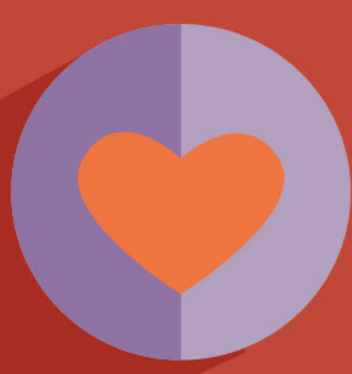
Has an online love interest asked you for money?

**That's a scam.**



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

## Signs of a Scam



Professes love quickly. Claims to be overseas for business or military service.



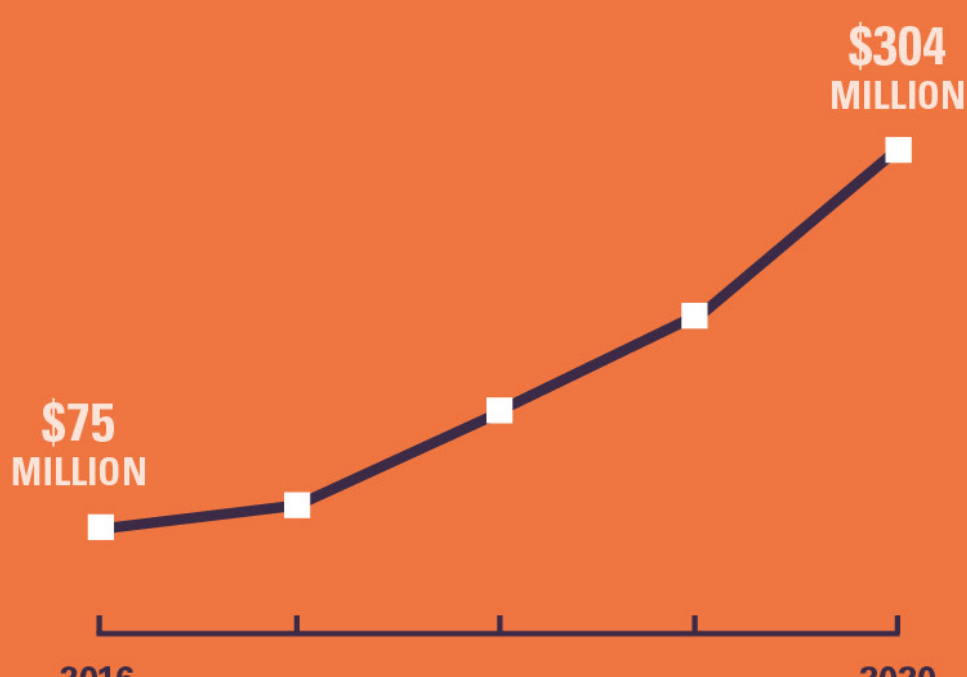
Asks for money, and lures you off the dating site.



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 2020**

**\$304**  
million lost



**REPORTED MONEY LOSSES INCREASED 4X SINCE 2016**

## 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:  
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