## **Romance Scams**

Are you looking for love online? Scammers may take advantage of you.

Scammers create fake profiles on dating platforms or social media.

Scammers start an online relationship with you.

Scammers ask to borrow or invest your money.

## Warning signs:

Express strong feelings quickly. Try to move to another platform. Encourage secrecy and isolation. Cannot meet in person or on camera. Profile does not match what they tell you. Talk about money or investments. Ask for personal images or information. Become desperate or angry if you do not do what they ask.

## In 2022:

\$40.5 million lost.

3,698 reports.

People aged 65+ lost the most money.

Protect yourself and your loved ones:

Never send or transfer money to someone you have not met.

Take things slowly and ask questions.

Be careful about what you share about yourself online.

Talk with your loved ones about online relationships.

For more information, visit: https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/romance-scams.