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Spotting the signs:
A guide to romance scams

The red flags to watch for

No single sign confirms a scam—but patterns matter.

They rush you off-app

Conversations move quickly off dating apps to text, WhatsApp®, Telegram®, or email to avoid reporting.

Rapid emotional attachment

Early affection or declarations of love used to create false trust.

Secrecy and isolation

Pressure to keep the relationship private and dismiss concerns from friends or family.

Avoiding real-time interaction

Refusal to meet or video chat, often citing technical issues.

Financial conversations

Requests for money, including emergency help or "exclusive" investment opportunities.

Scammer tactics explained

How romance scams are designed to build trust and control.

Manufactured distance

Claims of overseas work, military service, or remote jobs used to explain why in-person meetings never happen.

Emotional conditioning

Love bombing and repeated attention used to normalize dependency over time.

Future-focused promises

Talk of shared plans, travel, or life together used to keep the relationship moving forward despite inconsistencies.

Incremental boundary testing

Small requests or favors used to test trust before escalating to higher-risk demands.

Narrative control

Selective storytelling that explains away contradictions while framing doubts as lack of trust.

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Connection shouldn't come with consequences.

Awareness is your first line of defense against romance scams.

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