BAD ROMANCE

Dating is hard enough without getting roped in by a fraud. Whether it's on a dating app, a matching site, or social media, look out for scammers – even if they're a perfect match.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

Their online profile is not consistent with what they tell you. They ask you to send pictures or videos of yourself and personal details.

Their messages are often poorly written and vague.

Someone you've met online says they have strong feelings for you and want to chat privately.





They ask you for money, gifts, or even bank and credit card information, so they "can visit you".

> If you don't send money, they try to blackmail you. If you do send money, they ask for more.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Ask to meet in person, in a public and safe place
- Be very careful about what personal information you share on social network and dating sites
- Never send money, credit card details, online account details, or copies of personal documents
- Stay vigilant even reputable sites have scammers
- Go slow and ask questions
- Research the person's photo and profile to see if the material has been used elsewhere
- Be alert to spelling and grammar mistakes, inconsistencies in their stories and excuses such as their camera not working
- Don't share any compromising material that could be used to blackmail you
- If you agree to meet in person, tell family and friends where you are going
- Don't transfer money for someone else: money laundering is a criminal offense

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

- Don't feel embarrassed—
- Stop all contact immediately
- File a complaint with the police
- Keep all your old chats with them, if possible
- Report the scammer to the site where you met
- If you gave account details, contact your bank