

# 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?



## 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