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Online Dating Security - Basic scams & frauds - Rules & Tips

Online dating scam basics

Because humans are social creatures many people are looking for love and friendship. In online dating scam the scammers are taking advantage of the human's basic need for love and friendship.

Typical online dating scam begins always the same way; The scammer creates a bond with the person being scammed. Someone starts chatting with you and you enjoy the long chats with them and eventually become interested. Over time you start to feel that there is a bond between you two. But then right out of the blue the scammer needs some money. Maybe there's a personal crisis or a short term lack of funds. Maybe it's the reason why he or she cannot meet you!

Online dating fraud estimations

- Number of online dating frauds are growing every year
- Most of the dating frauds are made online
- The average loss is between 2000€ or 3000€ (~2200\$ to 3300\$)
- The average time between initial contact and the realization of the fraud is 2 months
- Average victim is between 45 and 60 years of age
- Victims can be both male or female

- Female scammer is typically between 25 and 30 (or at least claims to be) and usually targets males who are aged between 40 and 60
- Male scammer is typically between 40 and 50 years of age and usually targets females who are aged between 40 and 60.
- The scammers target their frauds to people with age between 40 and 60 because people in this age group are normally financially secure

Warning signs

Scammers usually use a lot of phrases and variations like:

- A man who knows how to treat a woman and who understands her deep inside.
- My dream is to be in arms of a right and wise man.
- I am romantic, tender, honest, intelligent and active lady
- I'm Forthright and honest
- I value integrity a sense of fairness.
- I like to laugh
- I've been described as having a good sense of humor

Typical actions of a scammer

- Scammer quickly declares that he/she has fallen in love
- Scammer claims to normally live in the UK or USA (or other western country) but have to work overseas typically somewhere in Africa, Asian or Latin America.
- Most of the female scammer profiles use photos copied from modelling websites or other websites containing pictures of beautiful women, so the photos look neat and are very professionally taken
- Many male scammers use photos that appear to be everyday snaps
- Scammer usually wants to leave the dating site too soon
- Sob stories to drag people into emotional blackmail (stories and variations of missionary or volunteer work or orphanages needing money)

How to avoid online dating scam

You can avoid online dating scams by increasing your awareness about the most common online dating scams and getting to know online dating security issues.

The best way to avoid online dating scams is to use only good reputation dating sites which come with a quality member database (no fake profiles). One of these kind of good reputation dating sites is for example [AsianDating](#) which you can get to know via this link.

You can get to know the full list of the recommended and good reputation dating sites on [Trusted International Dating Sites section](#).

Scams and Frauds in the international dating sites

Everybody is familiar with the possible dishonest people browsing through the social media or in the internet's forums and dating sites. Still many people are becoming a victim of these frauds daily. ForeignDating.fi wants to offer reliable information about international dating and marriage. Because many people are searching their international dating partner through internet it's good to share information from the common international dating scams and frauds. By knowing these common scams you can avoid unpleasant surprises and avoid to lose your fortunes to international dating fraud.

African Emergency Scam

African Emergency is also known by the name Emergency Fraud. The Emergency Fraud is one of the most common international dating scams. The Emergency Fraud is called as African Emergency Scam because the Emergency Fraud is commonly used amongst the people located in Ghana or Nigeria.

The African Emergency Scam typically starts by the African person with a fake identity communicating with the victim for several weeks or even months to achieve emotional bondage and relationship with the victim. During the creation of emotional bondage the victim and the fraud get to know each other and share a lot of personal things with each other.

In some point the scammer starts to talk about the feelings and emotions and about love with the victim. The victim who is typically very desperate for love is being easily seduced by the fraud who is very familiar with the victim's despair. The people committing The Emergency Frauds are especially looking for victims who are desperate to find love and the scammers use the despair of their victims to implement the fraud.

After the emotional bondage and the relationship has been achieved it's time to take the next step. The next step is to tell to the victim who is at this moment seriously fallen in love about some kind of emergency situation facing the scammer or the scammer's family member. The typical emergency situations are usually traffic accident or some kind of serious health problem. At this point it's not difficult to guess that money is being requested to take care of the medical expenses. The stories about the emergency situations vary but at the end of the every story comes a request of money which the victims suffering from love despair are happy to fulfill.

After the victim has sent money to the scammer the scammer usually disappears or the scammer keeps asking for money as long as the victim is ready to keep sending some. The basic rule of every relations in internet is not to send money to someone who you haven't met in person.

The Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud

The Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud is commonly used in everywhere but if there's a need to name an area where the Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud is mostly used the area would be Russia and Philippines. Like most of the frauds the Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud begins with creating an emotional bondage and a relationship between the victim and the fraud. The Fraud's intention is to use the emotional bondage and relationship to make the victim fall in love.

After the victim has fallen in love and the scammer is sure the victim is desperate about the love the Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud scammers start to talk about arranging a meeting in person and getting together. The meeting in person and getting together has off course one problem. The problem is money, which is needed to get the plane tickets and visa. The fraud asks the victim to send money for the plane tickets and for the visa expenses. At this point it shouldn't be hard to guess that plane tickets are never being bought and no visa is being applied. But still unfortunately some desperate soul might be sending money for a plane tickets and for visa expenses even at this moment with a desperate need of becoming loved.

Because the Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud is now days widely known the scammers have been developing a new even smarter version of the Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud. Instead of asking money for the plane tickets the frauds tell their victims that they have already bought a plane ticket and are only needing money for the visa expenses. The frauds may even send a copy of the plane tickets to the victim's e-mail. Receiving a copy of the plane tickets easily convinces the love despair victim that a meeting in person is really happening. The desperate victim doesn't usually come up with the fact that it's very easy to write a convincing looking plane ticket into e-mail without ever needing to buy one.

The Last Minute's Obstacle

The Last Minute's Obstacle is a variation of the Flight Ticket and Visa Fraud. In the Last Minute's Obstacle the victim thinks that both the plane ticket and the visa has already been arranged and the meeting in person is soon happening. The victim even has a date to expect because the victim has received a copy of the plane tickets via e-mail and the victim is being told that the visa is granted and has been attached in the passport.

But then in the date of the travel or few days before happens some kind of obstacle which is preventing the traveling. This obstacle may be a traffic accident or a health problem. There has also been reports that the frauds tell to their victims that the border inspection authorities in the country of origin are asking for a bribe or some kind of a payment to grant a traveling permit. There are a lot of stories about The Last Minute's Obstacles. But one thing is sure: Money is being needed to take

care of this obstacle. This fraud, like most of the frauds happening in internet, can be easily avoided by remembering never to send money to someone you haven't met in person.

Fake Police Scam

The Fake Police Scam is sometimes attempted by some of the Latin American scammers. Usually at some point the victim comes to realize that the scam has been taken a place and decides to contact the police. Sometimes as a last, quite desperate, scam the internet scammers may try the Fake Police Scam.

The Fake Police Scam is usually being tried to get implemented by sending e-mail to the victim in the name of a police. The scammer pretending to be a representative of the police tells to the victim that the police has been able to locate the scammer and is now needing some financial assistance to speed up the legal process to make the scammer face the charges.

The desperate victim who has already been scammed earlier wants to now even more desperately make the scammer to face the charges. That's why some of the victims are ready to send payments to people who they think are representatives of the foreign police. At this point it would be very important to remember that even though in some parts of the world it may be a common manner to make payments to the police it's not ever recommended to send money abroad to someone you haven't met in person.

It's also very unlikely that a police would contact someone via e-mail to ask for a bribe due to it would leave an evidence of the bribery.

The Inheritance Scam

The Inheritance Scam is probably the first internet scam ever appeared in the history of the internet. The Inheritance Scam is quite common and even though it's well known scam still many people fall in the Inheritance Scam every year.

The Inheritance Scammer is looking for prospects and contacting people in social media, in dating sites and in forums as well as by simply sending random spam e-mails.

The Inheritance Scammer starts the scam by telling to the victim about an interest in dating or marrying a foreigner. After the scammer has attracted the victim's interest the scammer reveals that he/she has just received a large inheritance and is willing to transfer the whole inheritance to the victim's bank account and after that travel abroad and start a relationship with the victim.

Surprisingly before the bank transfer can be made there are some payments and transfer fees what need to be made by the transfer's receiver. These transfer fees are being asked as long as the victim is willing to make payments for the scammer. In some point the victim understands that the amount of money what was promised is never being transferred.

An other type of Inheritance Scam is the scam where the scammer tells you that you've been left or are entitled to claim, a large inheritance from a distant relative or wealthy benefactor who has died. The scammer tells to the victim that the deceased left no other beneficiaries and that a large inheritance is waiting to be transferred.

The next step in this variation of the inheritance scam is to ask for a transfer fees. Surprisingly large number of people are falling for this scam yearly.

Fake Investigators and Net Detectives

Recent times many people have reported a new type of scam, so called Private Investigator Scam. Private investigators have existed almost on every era of mankind. But just recently private investigators have discovered and reached the large numbers of people on online dating. You should also watch out if you are being contacted by these fakes asking for money to assist.

Some of these investigators may do their job but you should always be cautious and aware of "detectives" or "private investigators" who are offering their services for a fee to track down a scammer on a dating site.

These "investigators" promise to identify who the scammer is and for an additional fee some of them may claim that they can get scammers arrested and bring them to justice.

"Investigators" or "detectives" usually contact their victim only after the victim realizes he/she has been a victim of a fraud by promising to get the scammer in to justice. This is a continuation of the original scam and a variation of the Fake Police Scam introduced above.

There are also some fake detectives/investigators that have set up web sites stating they are Detectives specialized in online dating scams.

Some of the fake investigators "hunt" their victims on dating sites and are actually members on dating sites. You should be extremely cautious if you get contacted by a member on a dating site who offers you these kind of investigator/detective services.

How to get in touch safely with people when looking for international dating and marriage

To get in touch safely with people looking for international dating and marriage you should use only good reputation dating sites recommended by Foreign Dating Finland

This link gets you to the [International Dating](#) section where are presented the best dating sites with good reputation to meet people interested in international dating and marriage.

Basic rules and tips

Online dating frauds happen all the time. That's why it's good to get familiar with these basic online dating security rules and tips. Foreign Dating Finland works for the secure and easy online dating. We want to make dating and flirting easy. We also want to make online dating secure. That's why we've listed here some tips for secure online dating. By following these guidelines you can increase your security and avoid unpleasant surprises.

Basic online dating security rules

Follow these rules in online dating and when participating on social networks. These rules will keep you secure and out of problems.

- First and the most important rule of any online dating is: Never send money to someone you have only met online and haven't met in person.
- You should never give your credit card or online account details to someone you have only met online and haven't met in person. Neither you should never give your credit card or online account details by email or by using other online messaging systems.
- When you meet someone interesting in a social network and you agree to meet in person you should always tell your family and friends where you are going and who you are going to meet.
- You should always keep in mind that human trafficking, marriage frauds in order to get visa or residence permit and money laundering are all criminal offences.
- Don't get involved with human trafficking. You should never force anyone to do sex work. You should never interact with human traffickers and never buy any sexual services from a victim of a human trafficking. If you even suspect human trafficking or that someone may be forced to do sex work you should consider reporting it to police and avoid interaction.
- You should never agree to transfer money for someone else or to marry someone just so he or she can immigrate to another country.
- Don't get tempted by offers of money or other rewards to marry a person just for his or her immigration purposes. Don't feel you must help somebody by being part of a marriage of convenience.

Basic online dating security tips

Watch for the following warning signs listed below. These warning signs may indicate that the person you've met is fraudulent.

- You meet someone on a social network and their profile picture or photograph looks like it's from a magazine or downloaded from a web site. Watch for water marks or signatures in a picture. You can also do a Google picture search to get more information of the suspicious picture.

- After just a few contacts someone profess strong feelings for you and suggests moving the conversation away from the social network preferring email or phone instead.
- After just a few contacts someone asks for money, gifts or your bank account/credit card details. Even if the person has gained your trust you should always keep in mind the most important rule: Never send money to someone you haven't met in person.
- The email or messages are poorly written, vague or containing specific information which seems to be taken directly from news articles, repeats itself, you are addressed by the wrong name, or the email is not personally addressed at all.

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