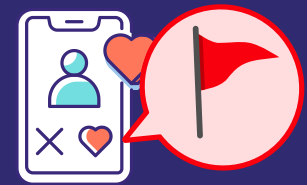


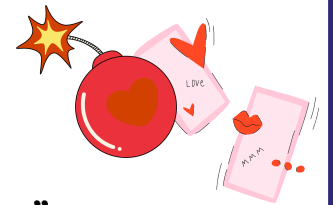
Romance Scams: Red Flags



Red flags or warning signs to be aware of when using dating platforms include:

Emotional Manipulation & Fast Intimacy

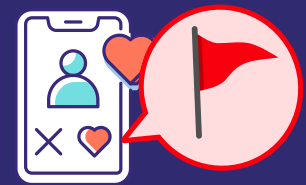
- Love bombing, where they shower you with affection or are constantly messaging you
 - For example, they might say:
 - “I feel like I’ve known you forever.”
 - “I’ve never felt this way about anyone else.”
 - “I can’t wait to spend the rest of my life with you.”
 - “You’re the only one who understands me. “
 - “You're my soulmate.”
- Their life events mirror yours, such as being widowed or having the same number of children as you
- Asking too many personal questions



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Avoidance & Secrecy

- They immediately ask to communicate off of the platform, such as through text or WhatsApp
- They avoid video or voice calls, or sharing real-time images
- They cancel plans at the last minute
- They claim to always be travelling (regardless of the reason)
- They don't live in the same city/area as you
- They avoid talking about themselves



Financial & Sexual Exploitation

- They send you explicit photos unsolicited and ask for them in return
- They ask you to send them money, giftcards, cryptocurrency, or to make investments, no matter how small the amount
- They ask you for money or favours
- They appear to have an overly lavish lifestyle



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