

Romance Scam Warning Signs



Professes love quickly.

Claims to be from the U.S. or Canada, but is overseas for business or military service.



Asks for money, lures you away from the dating site for more private conversation.



Claims to need money quickly — for emergencies, hospital bills, accidents, or travel.

Plans to visit, but cancels because of an unexpected situation/emergency.

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Questions? Call the Healthy Aging Resource Team: 204-940-8140

Service Canada Scams



Government
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Have you received a phone call or Text message from Canada Revenue or Service Canada? Are you sure?

Tips to Protect Yourself

Canada Revenue and Service Canada **will never:**

- ◆ Use aggressive or threatening language
- ◆ Threaten you with arrest or send police
- ◆ Ask for payments by gift cards or Western Union transfers
- ◆ Collect or distribute payments through Interac e-transfer
- ◆ Use text messages to communicate
- ◆ Ask or provide financial information in an email

Want to make sure? Call Canada Revenue Service at:

1-800-959-8281

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Emergency Scam

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Phone call from someone claiming to be a friend/relative and:

- ◆ They're in trouble
- ◆ They need money quickly (for an accident, bail money, travel from a foreign country)
- ◆ Caller will swear you to secrecy, claiming embarrassment and not wanting anyone else to find out
- ◆ They may put a person pretending to be a police officer or lawyer on the phone



Tips to Protect Yourself

Slow down!

Take time to verify the story.

Call family members and/or friends to confirm.

Never give personal information on the phone, or send money (or gift cards) to someone you don't know.

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Phishing & Smishing Scams



Emails and text messages claiming to be from your bank or other legitimate business.

Might say that:

- ◆ you owe money, that your account has been frozen.
- ◆ say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts
- ◆ your computer has a virus
- ◆ You've won something, or have a "coupon" or "free gift" because you're a loyal customer



Tips to Protect Yourself

Delete suspicious messages.

Don't reply to spam/junk messages.

Never use the phone number or email address provided in the suspicious message (look it up yourself)

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