

VIDEO CALL

Although scammers can in fact have a video call with you, often there is a reason why their camera isn't working.

FACE-TO-FACE

Endless promises to meet up in person but always having an excuse why they can't make it, is just another way to keep you engaged in the relationship.

FALLING IN LOVE

Be mindful of overly flirtatious and complimentary behaviour. Scammers use this tactic to play with your emotions and it will only end in tears.

AVOIDING

ROMANCE SCAMS

Beware of fake online relationships to gain your affection as they often end up in your hard-earned cash being stolen!

REQUESTS FOR MONEY

'I have a family emergency' or 'I need my passport renewed' are common reasons the scammer will give to steal your money. Never send money to someone you haven't met in person.

SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

Be alert to things like spelling and grammar mistakes. Carefully read through the scammer's message, email, or post to identify inconsistencies.

SHARING IMAGES

Don't share your personal images or videos. Scammers are known to blackmail their targets using explicit material that has been sent to them.

If you are the victim of a cybercrime, make a report at cyber.gov.au/report or attend your local police station.

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