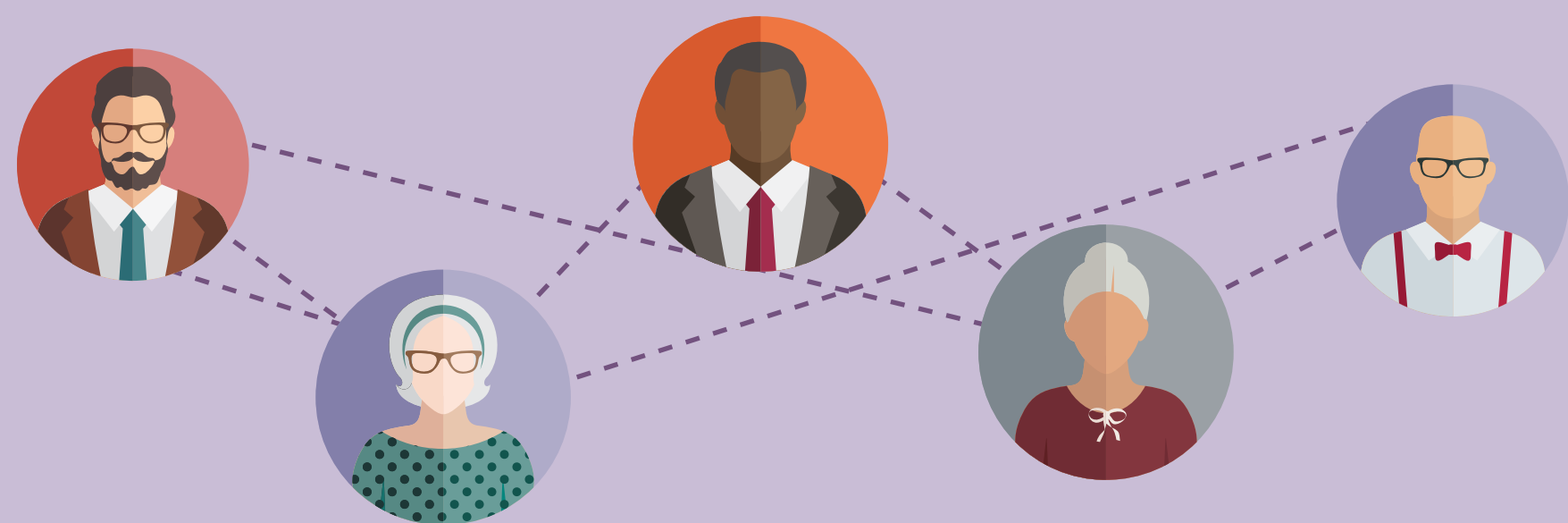


# Online Dating Scams

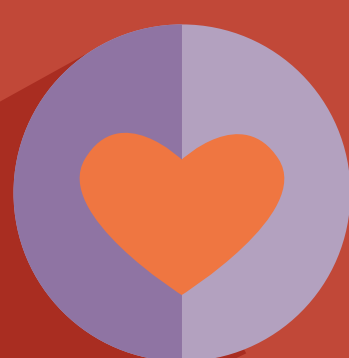
Has an online love interest asked you for money?

**That's a scam.**



Scammers know millions of people use online dating sites. They are there, too, hiding behind fake profiles.

## Signs of a Scam



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



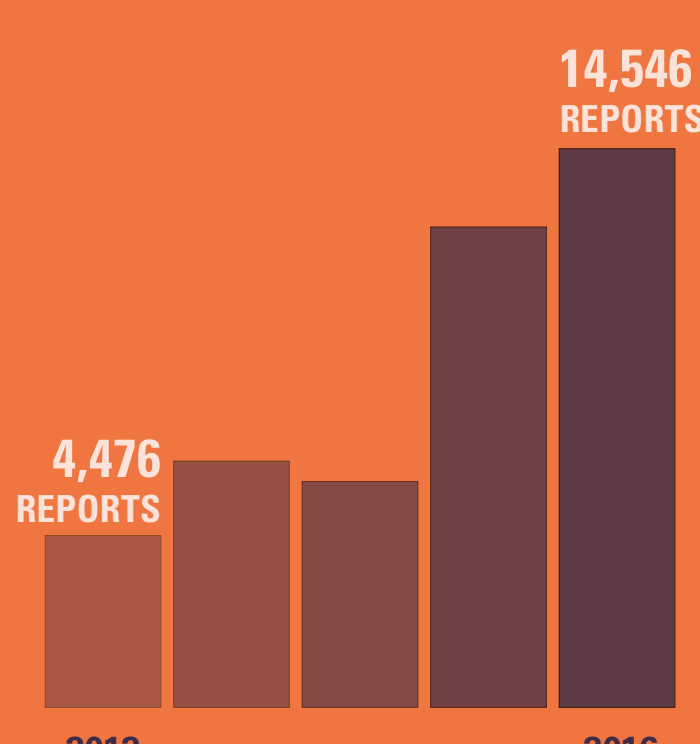
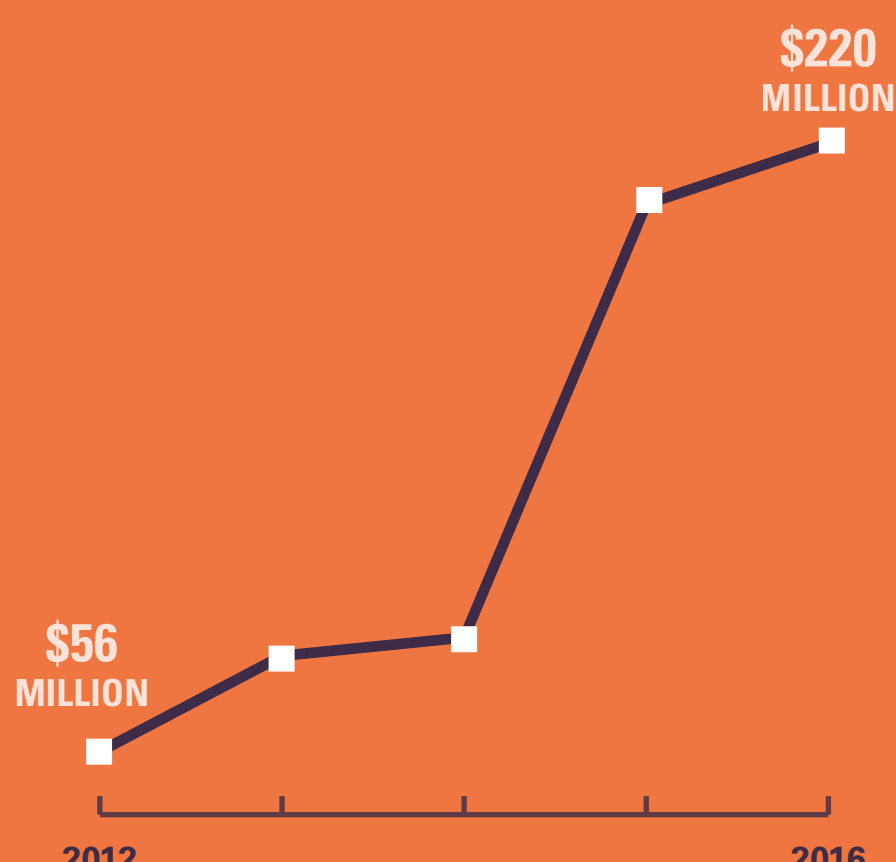
Asks for money, and lures you off the dating site.



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

Plans to visit, but can't because of an emergency.

**\$220  
MILLION  
LOST  
IN 2016**



**REPORTS  
TO THE FBI  
TRIPLED  
OVER 5 YEARS**

## What to do

- 1 Slow down** — and talk to someone you trust. Don't let a scammer rush you.
- 2 Never wire money**, put money on a gift or cash reload card, or send cash to an online love interest. You won't get it back.
- 3 Contact your bank right away** if you think you've sent money to a scammer.
- 4 Report your experience to:**
  - The online dating site
  - Federal Trade Commission: [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint)
  - Federal Bureau of Investigation: [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov)

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