

**Online dating  
is all about  
making choices.**



**Choosing to protect  
yourself from fraud is one  
of the most important.**



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Going online has revolutionised the way to find a new relationship ... it's effort-free, instant, and gives you so much more choice. Many people who meet on the internet become long-term, even lifelong partners.

Unfortunately, online dating is also a favourite for fraudsters, whose only reason to hook up is to scam you.

If you've clicked with someone on the internet and they start making requests for money – for whatever excuse – you're probably a target for dating fraud. No doubt you've heard about this happening to other people, but can it really happen to you?

*Yes it can, if you don't know how to spot the tell-tale signs and take a few simple precautions.*



## Choose safe dating.

### Start by following these simple tips

- ♥ **Get to know the person**, not the profile and ask plenty of questions – don't rush into an online relationship.
- ♥ **Check the person is genuine** by putting their name, profile pictures or any repeatedly used phrases and the term 'dating scam' into your search engine.
- ♥ **Talk to your friends and family about your dating choices.** Be wary of anyone who tells you not to tell others about them.
- ♥ **Never send money to someone you've met online**, no matter what reason they give or how long you've been speaking to them.
- ♥ **Don't move the conversation off the dating site messenger** until you're confident the person is who they say they are.



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For everything you need to know about protecting yourself including safe first date meetings, please visit **www.getsafeonline.org** and choose 'Protecting Yourself' then 'Safe Online Dating'.



This advice is brought to you by the Dating Fraud Alliance, which comprises ourselves, the City of London Police, Metropolitan Police, Victim Support and Age UK.



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