

Was Scammed: The Dangers of Online Dating



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Online dating has become increasingly popular in recent years, with millions of people using dating websites and apps to find love and companionship. However, with the rise of online dating has come a rise in scams and fraud.

In 2021, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported that romance scams cost Americans more than \$547 million. This is a significant increase from the \$304 million reported in 2020.

Romance scams typically involve a scammer creating a fake online profile and using it to target potential victims. The scammer will often use flattering language and compliments to gain the victim's trust. They may also send gifts or offer to help the victim with financial problems.

Once the scammer has gained the victim's trust, they will often ask for money. They may claim to need help with medical expenses, travel

expenses, or other financial obligations. In some cases, the scammer may even ask for the victim's personal information, such as their Social Security number or bank account number.

If you are approached by someone online who seems too good to be true, it is important to be cautious. Here are some tips to help you avoid being scammed:

- Never send money to someone you have not met in person.
- Never share your personal information with someone you do not know.
- Be wary of people who ask for money or gifts early in the relationship.
- Do a reverse image search on the person's profile picture to see if it has been stolen from another website.
- Talk to your friends and family about your online dating experiences.

If you believe you have been scammed, you should report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Online dating can be a great way to meet new people and find love. However, it is important to be aware of the dangers of online dating and to take steps to protect yourself from scams.

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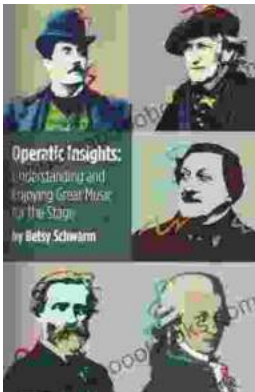
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