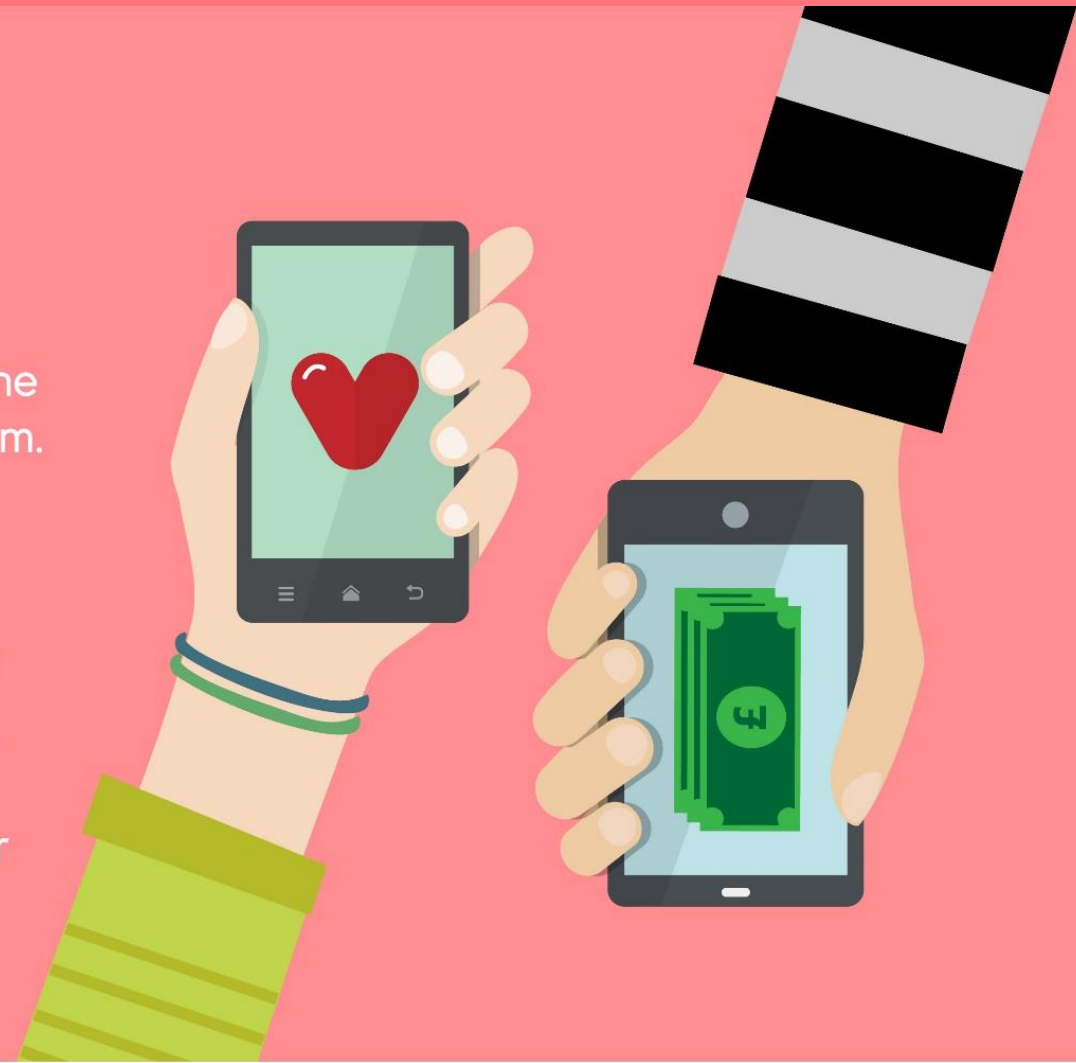


Romance Fraud

Stay on site, keep all communication on the dating website you are using. Be wary of anybody asking you to talk with them outside of the dating website after only a short period of time getting to know them.

Don't be convinced by profile pictures. Romance fraudsters tend to use photographs taken from the internet. You can check photos using a reverse image search through websites like www.tineye.com or www.reverse.photos to see if they have appeared anywhere else.

Do your own research on the person. Are they members of any other social networking sites? Can you confirm what they are telling you about themselves, where they work or where they live?



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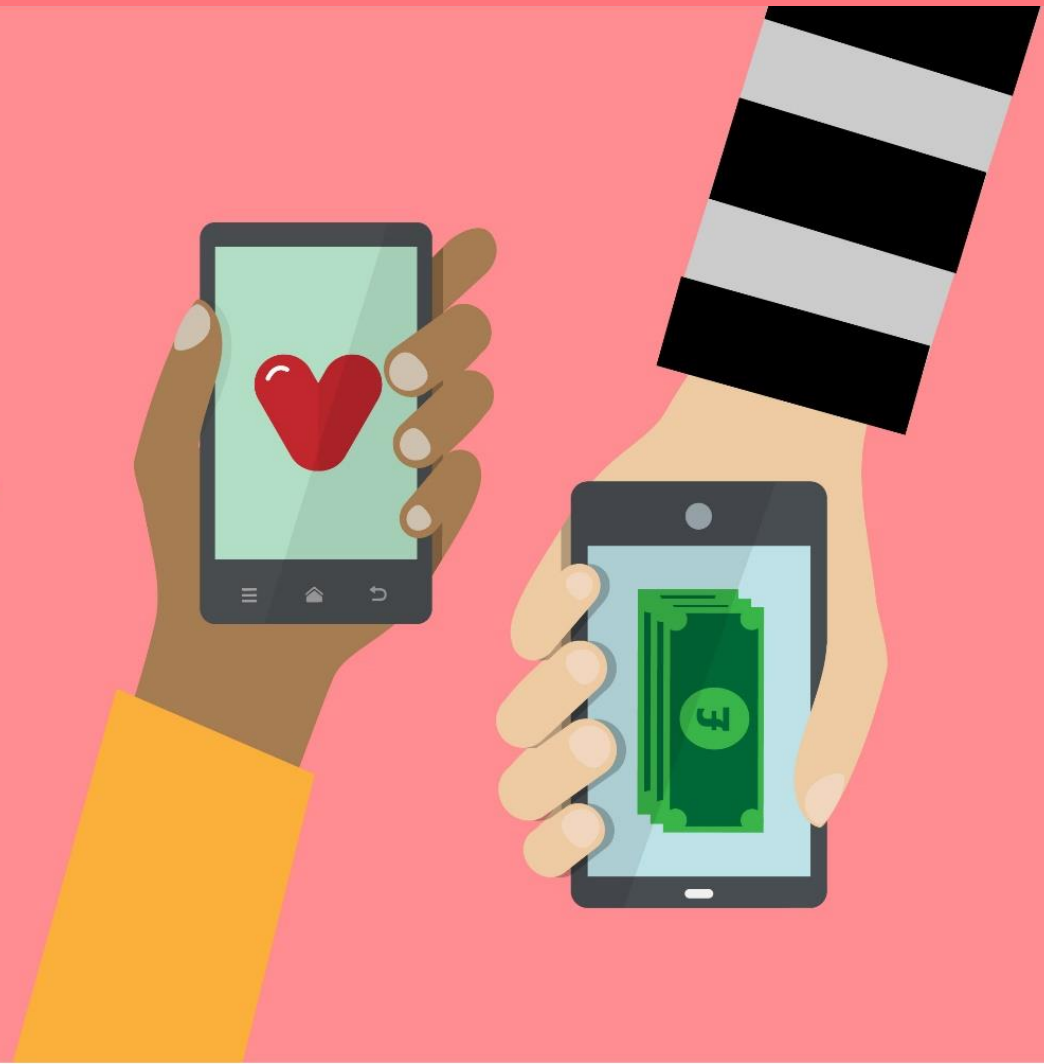


Romance Fraud

Never send money to someone you have not met in person and be extremely wary of giving money to someone you have recently met, particularly if you have only recently started a relationship with them.

Be wary of anyone asking you to receive money on their behalf and transferring it on. They may be using you to launder money.

Talk to family and friends for advice, even if the other party is asking you to keep the relationship a secret.



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