

## Romance scams

Wikipedia defines *Romance scam* as;

A confidence trick involving feigning romantic intentions towards a victim, gaining their affection, and then using that goodwill to get the victim to send money to the scammer under false pretenses or to commit fraud against the victim. Fraudulent acts may involve access to the victim's money, bank accounts, credit cards, passports, e-mail accounts, or national identification numbers; or forcing the victims to commit financial fraud on their behalf.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romance\\_scam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romance_scam)

The Internet security firm Sophos has a tale of a scammer in the U.K. who tricked nearly 700 women into forking over £20,000. The article has some good advice on dealing with such scams.

<https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2022/01/17/romance-scammer-who-targeted-670-women-gets-28-months-in-jail/>