

## **Recognize, Refuse, Report!**

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Monday–Friday,  
9 a.m.–4 p.m.**

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Option 2



Online dating sites and social media platforms have become one of the most popular ways for people of all ages to meet friends, significant others and spouses. While most people have good intentions when meeting others online, scammers have also been known to use online dating sites and social media sites (like Facebook and Instagram) to obtain money, gifts or personal information.

When meeting people online, it is important that you always consider the possibility that the person you are chatting with is not the person they say they are. The following are some “red flags” to help determine if the person who you are chatting with is a scammer:

- You are asked to send money, purchase gift cards, send goods (ex. a phone) or even open a bank account before meeting in person.
- They are contacting you from thousands of miles away, have inconsistent information in their profile and/or they have an unrealistic photo.
- You are asked to move the conversation outside of the dating website to phone, text, email or a social media site.
- They ask you for personal information such as your credit card numbers or Social Security number.
- They express strong emotions toward you very early in your conversations.

If you recognize any of these warning signs or suspect unusual behavior, report it the website’s administrator and cease all communication with the person immediately. If you have any questions contact an AARP ElderWatch volunteer for assistance.

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