

Tips to combat fraudsters



When you use social media, don't accept friend requests from people you don't know.



Don't reveal too much personal information in a dating profile or to someone you have only chatted with online. Fraudsters can use details such as your last name or workplace to manipulate you or to steal your identity.



Use well-known dating sites and only communicate via their messaging service. But be aware that there are also fraudsters on well-known dating sites.



Act cautiously. Ask your potential partner questions and look out for stories that don't stack up or are unbelievable.



Being the first to make contact can give you a false sense of security. Fraudsters flood dating apps and websites with fake profiles and sometimes sit and wait for victims to come to them.



Don't send your potential partner any compromising photos that could be used for blackmail later.



Do not click on links or downloads in user biographies or any messages that are sent to you that are not related to the conversation you are having.



If you arrange to meet someone in person, tell family and friends where you are going and meet in a public place.



Never send money or gift certificates and never hand over your bank details.