Kent Fraud Alert System



Romance Scams

Looking for love online?

Never send money to or share your bank details with someone you have only met online, no matter what reason they give or how long you have been speaking to them.

This week we have had various reports of Romance scams. One such victim had been speaking to a male for over 5 months. He stated that he was in the military and eventually after a period of time

stated he had been shot and desperately needed money to pay expensive hospital bills and to arrange flights back to the UK, however it was all a scam. The criminals rely on pressurising people and taking advantage of their good nature.

The following will take you to advice and information by Action Fraud on Romance Scams, in particular, if you think that you maybe a victim or suspect that someone you know is being targeted: - Romance scams | Action Fraud

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.



Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never **A**ssume



never Believe



always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice: @KentPoliceECU



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