



The following **Resource Guide** is adapted from many publicly available tools.
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ROMANCE SCAMS

Report Directly to the Dating App Site

Each dating app and social media site has its own reporting method. Refer to each specific dating app or site for contact information for reporting purposes. For example, here are instructions for reporting suspicious members or behavior on Tinder: <https://www.help.tinder.com/hc/en-us/articles/115003359426-How-do-I-report-someone->

The National Elder Fraud Hotline

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/stop-elder-fraud/providing-help-restoring-hope>

The National Elder Fraud Hotline offers free assistance to those who have been victimized by Elder Fraud.

USA.gov

<https://www.usa.gov/where-report-scams>

USA.gov is a government website that offers a variety of resources if you have experienced a scam.

AARP

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2022/mental-health-impact.html>

This site offers support groups for fraud victims, romance scam victims, older fraud victims, and other resources that could be of assistance.

RAINN

<https://www.rainn.org/articles/online-dating-and-dating-app-safety-tips>

RAINN is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. They have a robust section with tips and suggestions about dating safety. RAINN also offers the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800.656.HOPE and [online.rainn.org](https://www.rainn.org)), saying they are there to listen and provide resources. It is anonymous, free, and available 24/7.

Report to the affected Financial or Crypto Institution

If the scam involves monetary loss, contact the institution involved. Time is of the essence when it comes to this type of notification. Sometimes, institutions have a dollar limit to the amount of funds released to the scammer during each 24-hour period. The quicker you report this, the quicker the institution can respond and hopefully recover some of your stolen funds.

Example: Say that your monetary loss involves an account at Chase Bank. For additional information, you could call them or visit a branch to make a report. You could also go to their website at <https://www.chase.com/digital/resources/privacy-security/security/report-fraud>

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

<https://nationaltoolkit.csw.fsu.edu/resource/national-suicide-prevention-lifeline-1-800-273-talk-8255/>

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REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT – Federal

Federal Trade Commission

<https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>

The Federal Trade Commission is the federal government's website where you can report fraud, scams, and bad business practices. They also have a comprehensive list of what to do after you have been scammed.

Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

<https://www.ic3.gov/>

The Internet Crime Complaint Center, or IC3, is the Nation's central hub for reporting cybercrime. It is run by the FBI, the lead federal agency for investigating cybercrime.

FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC)

<https://tips.fbi.gov/home>

This is the FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC). The role of the National Threat Operation Center is to act as a central intake for all telephone and electronic tips from the public to the FBI. The phone calls and tips come in, threat-intake-examiners evaluate the information in those electronic tips and phone calls, do some analysis, and then determine where that information needs to go for further action.

REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT – State and Local

Each state and local government has different reporting protocols. You will need to do a Google search to locate the correct information.

Below is an example:

If you decide to report to state or local authorities, focus on the state, county, and city you are in. Say you live in Kansas City, Missouri. You want to research how to report a crime to the State of Missouri, Jackson County, and Kansas City.

1. My first Google search is for the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Each state has an Attorney General office that receives complaints from its constituents. <https://ago.mo.gov/> is the site for the Missouri Attorney General's Office. Their home page has a link that makes it easy to submit a complaint.
2. Next, in this example, I do a search at the county level for the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office. When I find no instructions for reporting a crime, my next step is to contact the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office by phone to ask their protocol for reporting a crime.
3. Next, in this example, I do a search at the city level for how to file a report in Kansas City, Missouri, and locate this site: <https://www.kcmo.gov/city-hall/311>. When you hover on the "I Want To ...", you immediately see the Report a crime link where you can report your situation.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest, National Network)

www.rainn.org

RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673).

RAINN also offers online counseling at

<https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

www.nsvrc.org

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) is the leading nonprofit providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence.

Male Survivor

www.malesurvivor.org

Male Survivor provides resources and support to male survivors of all forms of sexual abuse.

Safe Helpline

www.safehelpline.org

Safe Helpline is a hotline for people in the military. The hotline number is 877-995-5247

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End Violence Against Women International

<https://evawintl.org/>

The mission statement of End Violence Against Women International is:

We envision a world where gender-based violence is unacceptable, where perpetrators are held accountable. Victims receive the compassion, support, and justice they deserve.

LEGAL RESOURCES

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime

<https://ovc.ojp.gov/>

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime has resources to help victims, including toll-free hotlines and information about services in individual states/territories.

The Resources Page on Janexfbi.com is a growing resource guide that helps keep you safe while dating online. Please email us at team@janexfbi.com with any suggestions or comments.

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