

WHO DOESN'T LOVE BEING IN LOVE?

IS MY RELATIONSHIP SAFE?



ARE YOU SEEING SOMEONE ONLINE?

Is your partner telling you that they are on a trip or that they live abroad?



Did you meet your partner via a dating website or social media?



Have you ever met your partner in person?



Has your partner ever asked you to send them money?



Have you experienced a **difficult situation** in the past few years?

Did you answer **YES** to one or more of these questions?
Your relationship may pose a **RISK**.

YOU ARE **NOT ALONE**

"Romance scams are the number one cause of financial loss when it comes to frauds targeting seniors."

- Source: Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, 2019

WHAT ARE ROMANCE SCAMS?

The scam begins with fraudsters creating fake profiles on social networking or online dating websites. They then show interest in developing a "serious" relationship with you. They may claim to be from Québec and traveling or working as consultants abroad.

They toy with your feelings by canceling in-person meetings under various pretexts: failure to obtain a visa, illness or loss of employment. Next, they try to extract money from you by getting you to make transfers, share prepaid card codes, send cheques by mail, etc.

They are quite crafty and, if they end up disappointing you, will do anything to regain your trust and extract money from you again.

ARE YOU RELUCTANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?



Is your partner making you feel less alone?



Do you love them and feel loved in return?



Have you gone into debt for them?



Are you ashamed and afraid to tell your loved ones about the situation?

Your hesitation is normal. However, you may be the victim of a romance scam.

DO NOT HESITATE TO TALK ABOUT IT.

Talking about it could also help identify other victims: in many cases, online partners use their tactics on several victims at a time.

TO OBTAIN SUPPORT

CONTACT THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES



**VIOLENCE
CONJUGALE**

1 800 363-9010
24/7



La ligne **Aide Abus Aînés**

1-888-489-2287

1 888 489-2287
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week



Info-social at **811**

24/7



1 866 LE CAVAC (532-2822)

It is important to remain in contact with the victim.

TO REPORT FRAUD



**YOUR LOCAL
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC
310-4141 ou ***4141** (cell phone)



**THE CANADIAN
ANTI-FRAUD
CENTRE**
1 888 495-8501

