

WATCH OUT FOR

An online friend with a great investment?

Scammers build a friendship or romance online over weeks. Then they ask for money, or show you a crypto “investment” that seems to grow.

WARNING SIGNS

- They can’t meet in person or on video, or the video seems off
- They guide you to a trading app or website they picked
- Your “profits” grow, but you must pay to withdraw them
- They ask you to keep it between the two of you

REMEMBER

Never send money or crypto to someone you have only met online.

Talk to someone you trust before you send anything.

IF THIS HAPPENED TO YOU

- 1 Stop sending money. Don’t pay “fees” or “taxes” to withdraw.
- 2 Call your bank or the crypto exchange you used right away.
- 3 Save the messages, usernames and transaction details.
- 4 Report it at ic3.gov and ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

OFFICIAL PLACES TO REPORT AND GET HELP

FTC

1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
reportfraud.ftc.gov

FBI IC3

ic3.gov

Hotlines and help in your state: aiprotection.org/stay-safe