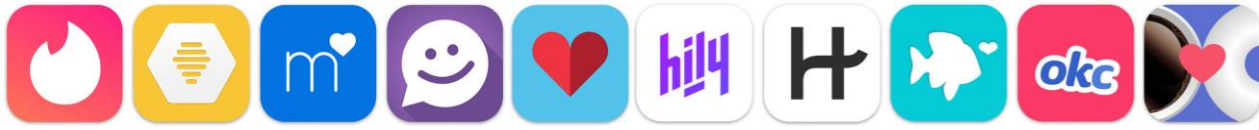


DATING SITES & APPS



- **Do** protect your information and set limits on what and when you provide information to people you meet on dating sites.
- **Do** provide your own transportation when meeting someone for the first time.
- **Do** use more popular dating apps and stay away from less popular sites, which may have less security in place.
- **Do** list your age but not your full date of birth.
- **Don't** use dating app sites on public wifi. Always make sure you are connected through a secure internet connection.
- **Don't** sync social media accounts with dating accounts.
- **Don't** use photos associated with other online or social media accounts.
- **Don't** give out personal information to include phone numbers or addresses.

Signs of a Scam

- Professes love quickly or claims to be overseas for business/military service.
- Asks for money or sends links to follow off the dating site.
- Claims to need money for emergencies, hospital bills, or travel to visit.

Tips and Tricks

- Be anonymous: Do not include your last name or any other identifying information in your profile. During initial communications, do not provide any PII such as phone number, email address, home address, place of birth, etc.
- Use a unique email address and username not associated with other accounts.
- Keep your financial information private.
- Do not meet at your house or place of work.
- Choose a first date location that is public.
- Do not provide specific personal questions while chatting, save that for the date. This will help to prevent giving away too much information, too early.
- Online dating scams are known to run for months at a time. Always be on the lookout for unusual conversations and behavior, such as requesting you to follow unknown links or send money.

Be aware of fake accounts and bots on dating apps. If a profile looks incomplete or too good to be true, it probably is.