

# A law enforcement guide to combating romance fraud and supporting victims

Research explaining the nature of romance fraud and highlighting how police officers can support victims of romance fraud.

## Key details

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| Police region           | West Midlands                                                                                      |
| Level of research       | Professional/work based                                                                            |
| Project start date      | December 2024                                                                                      |

## Research context

Fraud accounts for a huge proportion of crime in the UK as well as other countries, with romance fraud particularly prevalent – and having significant impacts on victims over and above financial losses. This research explores the methods of those perpetrating romance frauds, the impacts on victims and what police officers can do to combat the crime as well as provide support and reassurance.

## Research methodology

The research is based on secondary data as well as the researcher's over 20 years of experience and knowledge in fraud research.

## Summary of findings

This project was completed in December 2024.

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