

Online Relationship Scams: Key Vermont Findings



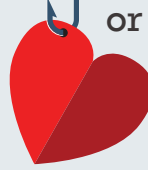
27%

of people say they or someone they know have encountered an online relationship scam.



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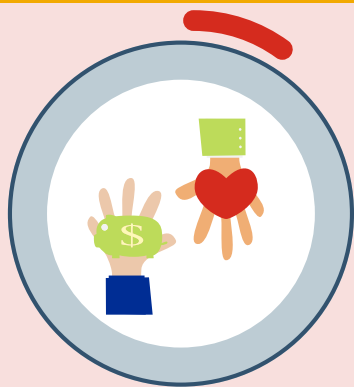
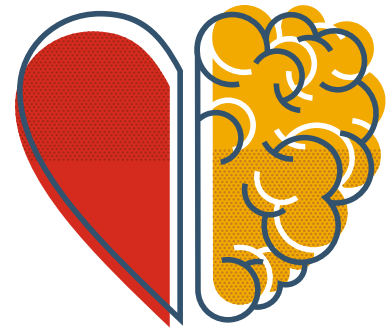
of people have been victimized by an online relationship scam or know someone who was.



Those who were targeted or victimized by an online relationship scam are more likely to have experienced a major life event, such as persistent/regular feelings of loneliness, negative change in financial status, family relationship problems, or divorce/separation from spouse/partner.

The number of targeted/victimized adults in VT was <100, so may not be representative of all VT adults who were targeted or victimized by an online relationship scam

Among the victims, **59%** reported a negative effect on their physical and/or emotional health.



10%

say a friend or romantic partner whom they have only met online has asked them to help them financially in some way.



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