

# Online Relationship Scams: Key Washington Findings



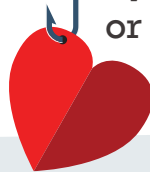
**37%**

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



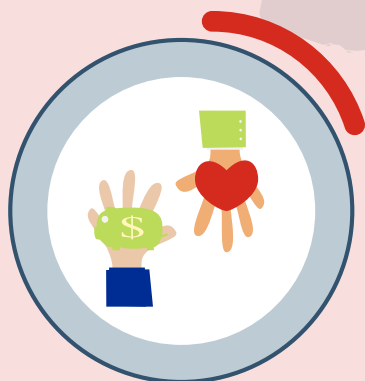
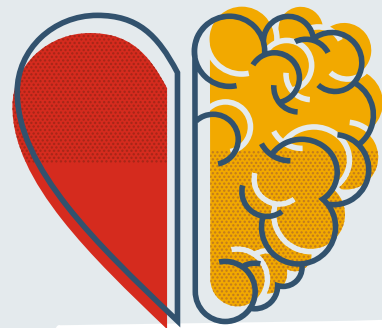
**18%**

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 divorce/separation from spouse/partner or family relationship problems.

Among the victims, **64%** reported a negative effect on their physical and/or emotional health.



**19%**

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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