



The First Thing You Should Do When Dating Online



Pay Attention to Detail

One way to improve your ability to catch deception is to have an eye for detail. Paying attention to the “little” things can pay off big when you scope your date. In doing so, you might find information that helps you identify a scammer or information that validates what your potential mate has already shared. Let’s do a few brief exercises to show you some examples of details you should have an eye for while dating online. Take a look at the pictures below and see if anything stands out.

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Age: 40
Height: 5'10"
Body Type: Athletic
Ethnicity: Black / African descent



What stands out? The profile shows the man's age as 40, but the man in the picture has a ribbon with "50" on it and has a money chain pinned on him (which is often done to celebrate birthdays). So according to the picture the man is 50, yet his profile shows him as 40. Before getting to know him further, I would at least ask for clarification about his age. Maybe he looks forty! But he shouldn't lie.

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Compare the following example of online profiles and study the similarities and differences.



51-year-old Male
 Seeking Women: 35-60
 Fulton, Ohio, United States
 Last Activity: **2 days ago**

I'm passionate and young at heart which helps with a sense of humor. I'm casual, easy going, sarcastic and chivalrous!! strive to be a gentleman and take pride in treating my woman with dignity and respect.



Sex: **Male**
 Last Login: **January 13**
 Location: **Delray Beach, FL**

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I'm passionate and young at heart which helps with a sense of humor. I'm casual, easy going, sarcastic and chivalrous!! strive to be a gentlelady and take pride in treating my man with dignity and respect.

Look at the two profiles of the men. They are different races. They are in different locations. But the paragraph under their pictures is identical. Trust me; that is not a coincidence. Often, scammers will write the same information in their many online profiles. But the scammers may change one or more of the following: the pictures, location, race, age, and occupations of the profiles. The pictures they include in the profiles are often innocent people and not the actual scammers. Sometimes scammers use the photos of models. Sometimes scammers use the online pictures of people who are not models. To read how they are able to gain access to peoples' pictures and use them see the chapter [“Managing Your Online Presence”](#), specifically the section [“It Is Very Easy To Steal Your Pictures And Use Them For Harm”](#).

Now take a look at the lady’s profile in the picture that follows. The paragraph under her picture is the same as the men’s except it is written from a female’s point of view. The word “gentleman” is switched to “gentlelady” and the scammer switched “my woman” to “my man”. We do not know if the scammer is actually a man or woman. We just know these profiles were created by a scammer (or a group of scammers).



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Also when viewing pictures, take notice of any house addresses, license plates on cars, name tags on uniforms, and phone numbers on signs. All of these pieces of information may prove helpful when you scope your date.

A girlfriend of mine was able to catch a scammer because he sent her a picture of what was supposedly his house. The picture included the address number on the house. But when she looked into property records based on where he supposedly lived, there was no such address on the street. It turns out he was a known scammer. He wasn’t even in the United States. She saved herself some time and possibly money. To learn how to look up property records see the chapter [“Exploring The Address History Of Your Potential Mate”](#)



I Used The Following Technique To Catch Scammers In A Matter Of Seconds

I was able to determine that the profiles used in the previous section of this chapter were created by a scammer by employing the following technique:

Type (or copy and paste) the first paragraph or few sentences of an online profile into your favorite search engine's search box. You might just be surprised by what you find.

Here Is An example:

Let's use the paragraph of the profiles mentioned earlier in this chapter. It read something like this:

"I'm passionate and young at heart which helps with a sense of humor. I'm casual, easy going, sarcastic and chivalrous!! strive to be a gentleman and take pride in treating my woman with dignity and respect."

Type (or copy and paste) the paragraph word for word into your favorite search engine. Do not correct any misspelled words or missing punctuation. It's important to type/copy the paragraph(s) as they appear in the profile into the search box. I will start with google.com. Don't worry about the search box appearing to be too small to contain all the words. Go ahead and type word for word (or copy and paste) as many of the sentences from the first paragraph of the profile as you are comfortable typing.

Google I'm passionate and young at heart which helps with a sense of humor. I'm casual, easy going, sarcastic and chivalrous!! strive to be a gentleman and take pride in treating my woman with dignity and respect. I look to try to stay on an even like with someone I just meet and remain focused and positive while being a ...

Search About 11,400 results (0.19 seconds)

Everything [OkCupid | jsc9 / 45 / M / Dallas, Texas](#) ✓
www.okcupid.com/profile/jsc9
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Images

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Shopping

More

California [Donovan Jeff from Chelsea, United States - WAYN.COM](#) ✓
www.wayn.com/profiles/donovan0912
I'm passionate and young at heart which helps with a sense of humor. I'm casual, easy going, sarcastic and chivalrous! I strive to be a gentleman and take pride in treating my woman with dignity and respect. I look to try to stay on an even like with someone I just meet and remain focused and positive while being a ...

Change location

Show search tools

[Luvme me Grains, guy 54. I'm passionate and young at heart which ...](#) ✓
badoo.com/01121067775/

From the search results alone you can see the different ages and locations used by this scammer. The first link in the search results shows the person is 45 and in Dallas, Texas. The second link implies the scammer is 47 and is in Birmingham, Alabama. Later in the search results we see the scammer is 54.

Sometimes the ages and location of the profiles are not displayed in the search engine's results. In that case, click on a few of the links in the search results and compare the details of the different profiles. You want to look for any inconsistencies.

Try Using More Than One Search Engine

If you prefer a different search engine, the same technique works. In fact, when I conduct the same search on Yahoo.com and Bing.com I get similar results. All three of the major search engines provide results that show the various locations and ages used in profiles by this scammer. The blatant inconsistencies help to identify the many profiles used by the same scammer. So if you do not get any meaningful results on one search engine, I encourage you to try other search engines as well. Remember, each search engine uses its own unique logic in determining which search results to display.

Why does this work?

To scammers, finding someone to take their bait is a numbers game. So scammers have their profiles on different dating sites at once. The more profiles they have online the better their chances of luring

victims. In order for scammers to quickly post their profiles on many sites, they often post the same information in all their profiles but they may change a few pieces of information to attract different types of people. For example, scammers may change one or more of the following: their photo, location, race, age, salary, occupation, or sometimes even the gender of the profile (something we saw at the beginning of this chapter). They do not have time to be creative. But, we can use their lack of time to our advantage by implementing the technique discussed previously. Now we know how to turn a scammer's weakness into our strength. We are empowered!

Note, you can also try using the search engines to search for the user name on a profile. If we look at the first listing in the search results from the previous example, the user name of the profile is "j**sc9**". We could also type "j**sc9**" in the search box and review the results. This technique can prove helpful at times but is not nearly as effective as the previous tip because often scammers' profiles will get reported for abuse on a dating site. The site will then disable or block the profile based on a specific user name. Then the scammer (or team of scammers) simply re-creates the profile under a different user name on the same dating site. Also, the user name they use on one dating site may already be in use on another. So they have to alter profile names.

Lastly, if you know your date's Instant Messenger user name or the user name your date uses in chat rooms, it's a great idea to search the major search engines for those user names as well. Many romance scammers have been caught using this technique.



Use Pictures To Catch Scammers

The previous tip demonstrating catching scammers by their words is great when you are using online dating sites with profiles having at least a paragraph or two describing the person of interest. But social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter are also being used to find dates. Those can be great tools. However, sometimes they are being used to scam people.

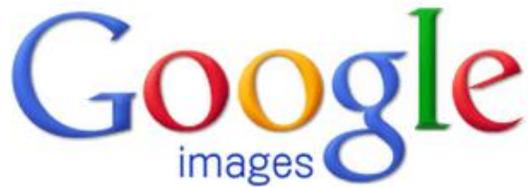
Due to the nature of social networking sites, where posts are frequently made by people, using the words of a social networking profile isn't always the most efficient way to Scope Your Date. Instead scope the profile's pictures.

Google has a very powerful tool allowing you to determine other places the pictures of your date may be posted. Your goal is to review each location of the picture for discrepancies or signs of a scammer. Let's walk through an example.

Go to the Google Image search by typing: www.google.com/images

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Click on the camera icon



You can either specify the website url (web address link) of the image or you can upload an image into Google's image search. Often you can save an image found on social networking sites by simply clicking the right mouse button and selecting "Save picture as". Once you've saved the picture, you can upload it into Google's image search. For more information on that, see the chapter ["Managing Your Online Presence"](#).

Assuming we have a picture to upload, we just need to click on the "Upload an image" link, and then browse to the saved picture on our computer.



If the search provides any images that match, you want to look for any discrepancies on the websites the image appears. For example, if there are differences in age or location, you may be dealing with a scammer.

Sometimes the results of the Google Image Search will prove the image is already listed on other sites as being associated with a scammer. The following picture is an example:

Google  describe image here  

Web **Images** Maps Shopping More ▾ Search tools

About 216 results (0.42 seconds)



Image size:
600 × 399

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You Need To Scope More Than The Words And Pictures Of A Profile

Not everyone meets their date online. Besides no matter how or where you meet your date, there is much more information you should scope. Things you may want to consider are their real marital status, age, name, and criminal history. You may also want to determine if they are a sex offender or someone with a proven violent past. What about those who the government has labeled as deadbeat parents? Would you date someone if you knew they were a deadbeat parent?

The Scope Your Date ebook (which you can read on any internet accessible computer, laptop, phone, or device) will help you answer all these questions. The Scope Your Date book and tools show you the best places to look to find the most reliable, up-to-date, and complete information about your date. Many of our competitors can not make that claim. It does no good for you to base decisions about who you date on incorrect information. So be sure to sign up for the ebook at www.ScopeYourDate.com so you will know the potential of a mate by the 1st or 2nd date.

Even if you've been dating someone for a period of time, it is never too late to scope your date!

Here is the table of contents of the book. Review it so you will see the information we help you to verify about your date:

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Do Not Make The Following Assumptions

- Never assume you are actually communicating with the man or woman pictured on an online dating site profile. Appearance, identity, or sex could vary.

- Never assume Christian dating sites (or other religious dating sites) are safer than others. Scammers exist on all kinds of sites. They do not discriminate.
- Never assume sites that charge a fee to subscribe are safer than free sites.
- Never assume meeting someone offline (face-to-face) instead of online is always safer.
- Never assume that if the technique mentioned earlier in the chapter does not prove your mate is a scammer, that he or she is trustworthy. Instead, continue to scope your date using the other tips in the book and follow your instincts.



Embrace Technology And Use It To The Fullest

Do not be afraid of using technology to improve your chances of detecting liars. I realize some of us are more computer savvy than others. But do not allow a lack of technological skills to stop you from empowering yourself. There are a lot of tools freely available from your favorite search engines that you probably are not aware of that can help you scope your date. Also, there are nice features of social networking sites that you can use to discover information about your potential mate.

Criminals use technology to find their next victims. Why don't we use technology to stop them in their tracks and minimize chances of dating scammers by making more informed decisions about our potential mates?

In Summary:

1. Have an eye for details.
2. Use a scammer's own words, user names, Instant Messenger user names, and chat room user names against them.
3. If you meet someone on a social networking site, scope their pictures.
4. Listen to your inner voice. If things don't seem right but the tips in this chapter and in the ebook do not reveal your date is a scammer, trust your instincts.
5. Do not assume dating offline (face-to-face) is safer.
6. Do not assume Christian sites or other religious-based sites are safer.
7. Do not assume sites that charge a fee to join are safer than free dating sites.
8. Always, embrace technology to decrease your risks in dating.

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