

A World Wide Web of DECEIT

Common COMPUTER SCAMS



Hey buddy, can you help a foreign prince in need?

Someone posing as a high-ranking political figure asks for help transferring money from his country into your bank account. All you have to do is send him your account information and loan him a little money. Then you'll get a cut of the cash!

Help! I got robbed in a foreign country!

A friend or loved one has run into some bad luck while on vacation and needs you to wire money right away.

Warning, your account has been compromised!

A bank, internet business or some other seemingly legitimate source alerts you to fraudulent activity on your account and asks you to provide account information.

Get your meds CHEAP online!

You're offered a chance to get your medications cheaper by providing prescription data along with your insurance and credit card information!

Danger! MALWARE!

A scary face pops up on your screen, or you get an email or phone call, warning

you that a virus has infected your computer. You're urged to buy software to remove the virus or protect against it. All you have to do is download the program and pay, most likely, with your credit card.

I only have eyes for you, my love.

You're swept off your feet by someone you met on a social networking site or online dating service. But after declaring undying love for you, your online Romeo or Juliet is asking for money, claiming he or she is in a financial jam or traveling and can't access his or her own funds.

Don't be fooled by COMPUTER SCAMS



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