

# Vet A Dating-App Match Without Giving Up Privacy

English how-to. ~30 minutes per match. Verify identity, spot red flags, and meet safely without handing over your address.

**Reverse image search, identity verification, red flags, layered disclosure, and first-date safety.**  
Print, share, and re-run quarterly.

## Do This Right Now

#	STEP
1.	Reverse image search every photo before responding.
2.	Stay in-app for messaging until video verification.
3.	Video call with specific gestures before exchanging real phone numbers.
4.	Use Google Voice / Hide My Email for early-stage phone contact.
5.	Cross-check identity claims on LinkedIn and social.
6.	Plan first meeting in public, daytime, with safety buddy informed.
7.	Trust your gut; exit gracefully if anything feels off.
8.	Never send money or invest with a match. Ever.

## Why This Matters

- FTC reports billions lost annually to romance scams. Median individual loss in the thousands; worst losses in the hundreds of thousands.
- AI-generated photos, deepfake video, and ChatGPT-fueled conversation have made scammers much harder to spot. Old tells are more difficult to spot.
- Vetting also protects against non-scammer risks: stalkers, harassers, abusive exes, doxers. Privacy is dual-purpose. The same layered vetting protects against these risks.