

ABDL SCAMS

Balance of the universe may or may not be a real concept... with all good things, there is a bad... if you believe in that sort of thing...the Yin to the Yang. In the AB/DL community the dark side to the community is undoubtedly the scams. Just to be clear, the scams that occur are generally not perpetuated by actual AB/DLs and age players but are committed by individuals outside of the community that are looking to take advantage financially of an unsuspecting age player either through a genuine scam or through intimidation and coercion.

Why does this happen? The answer is simple. For most AB/DL and age players, their activities are intensely private, intimate, and often embarrassing at the lightest degree but to some being exposed or outed may feel life ending. A situation such as this is ideal for a scammer who is looking to target a victim that not only can easily be coerced into paying, but is also unlikely to report the fraud, blackmail or other scams to law enforcement for fear of being exposed and possibly exiled from their family, friends, and local community.

Now that we've briefly talked about the why... let's talk about the how's... There are several types of scams, but I'm going to talk about three main types that occur and then we'll talk about the things you can do to prevent them or if you are caught up in one what you can do to properly handle the situation. The first type of scam is simply blackmail. This generally happens when a person shares intimate photos or enough information about themselves with someone or on the internet in general and in the age of mass data and AI technology the perpetrator works to identify the individual and then confronts them either through a chat, email or social media account threatening to expose the victim to their family, friends, and or employers if they don't satisfy a blackmail amount.

This situation happens every day to someone in the community and is unfortunately rather common. I personally have had someone attempt to blackmail me several times so let's talk about ways to prevent it... and then we can discuss how to deal with the situation if you are unfortunate enough to happen to you. First off, sharing your face in the age of AI will unfortunately expose you eventually. If you are looking to never deal with this situation, that is my first piece of advice. You can use software to blur your face or simply go low tech and cover or crop the photo to never expose your face. If you don't have a face, there is nothing for facial recognition to use to identify you. Be aware of your surroundings as well. If you take a picture in your bedroom and happen to have a diploma on a shelf behind, you or some other unique identifying object that is essentially a self-doxing situation. The second thing is to not share identifying information. The proper term for this is phishing¹ (pronounced like "fishing")

¹ Phishing- the practice of sending emails or other messages claiming to be from a reputable company or individual in order to induce targets to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers or other identifying data.

which is a scamming technique to gain sensitive information to be used for nefarious activities. A scammer could ask questions such as your name, city, and high school you attended and depending on where you are from might be enough to identify and expose you. Using a Scene name that is different than your own, naming your city of residence to be a large city nearby or only sharing your state or country, and just never giving personal information like your high school is highly recommended. I also recommend using a VPN network when you are on the internet in general to better conceal your ISP and location from these sorts of individuals.

So, let's say you get one of these dreaded messages... "We know who you are... John Smith... and you will pay us \$250 or we'll expose you to Jane Smith and everyone else you know." The first and most important thing is to not panic... do not negotiate, ask who they are, or confirm or even deny anything. My advice and the advice that most law enforcement will tell you is to document the threats... A simple screen shot will do... and then block the account. I know that sounds nuts, but if you pay it will not change the status quo... In fact it will only make the situation worse as they now have gotten money out of you and may continue to blackmail you and many of these individuals are out of the country or are also using VPNs which will make tracking and tracing my law enforcement or other social media entities to bring them to justice. By blocking and not responding you are removing their power... sure they could expose you... but that's more work on their part to dig up the contact info for your friends and family and then write a comprehensive message with their evidence to expose you... all for what? If you aren't responding or acknowledging their messages, then they are doing all of that for no chance of a reward... and even for scammers... time is money. I'm not saying there is a zero chance they try and expose you, but the odds are highly unlikely.

The second type of scam that exists is what I call a "Pay to Play" scheme. Now, before I go any further, I want to be clear... there are AB/DL caregivers or escorts that may operate a nursery that an AB/DL may schedule time for a price to do scenes. That does exist and is not what I am referring to in this scenario. A "Pay to Play" scheme generally imitates a legitimate caregiver service. How this scam generally works is a "Caregiver" will message you either through DMs or through a social media presence such as Facebook or Instagram which are common scammer hideaways. They often either run a bogus group themselves to lure in unsuspecting Age players or they will join a group only to gain targets to message.

How this scam works is they will message the unsuspecting little posing usually as a mommy that either will travel to the little's location, rent a motel at the little's expense or they operate a nursery. They will ask many of the generic questions, ASL (Age, Sex, Location) a usual red flag right off the bat is if you have that information in your Bio, which means they didn't even take the time to read it. They then proceed to ask if you wear or are into diapers... again... If you post that sort of content, they would have seen that if they bothered to look at your profile, and they will then they will lead into their "Pitch." Which is: "Do you have a mommy or a caregiver and if you want them

to be yours.” If you agree they will try and arrange a “meet up” and agree to some sort of price. And the scam from there turns into the typical “catfishing scam².” Shortly before the meet up they will have a tragedy befall them... car trouble, eviction, some sort of excuse that will keep them from you and not only that... will be a pretense for them to ask you for more money. If you have been in the community long... these are the most common scams. I personally have had a scammer “mommy” try and defraud me using my own nursery photos. There are obviously other variations to this type of scam, but the caregiver one is the most common. One of my close friends, Riley Cabbagepatch, has had her content stolen with someone pretending to be her no less than ten times through Tumblr, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook and other various platforms.

The best way to protect yourself from these scams is remembering the adage... “if something sounds too good to be true... it probably is...” and using a bit of common sense and skepticism. Caregivers that operate a legitimate nursery or caregiver service generally don’t go out looking for clients on Facebook or Instagram... FetLife, maybe... but the pay to play scammers often use stolen media and content such as other ABDL’s photos. Requesting a particular photo that can’t be found online is a fantastic way to instantly expose them. I once had a guy message me and when he looked at my profile and recognized some of my work he thought I was a scammer posing to be... well... me... and so he requested me to take a picture of myself in front of my rocking horse, “Comet” making the Vulcan hand gesture from Star Trek... easy enough for me to do... but for any scammer... even outfitted with AI, an impossibility. Doing something like that is an easy check.

The last big scam I want to cover is commonly referred to as a “bait and switch” scam. Now, this type of scam comes in a wide variety of situations and scenarios and I’m not going to be able to cover all of them, but I want to cover some of the basics that I’ve encountered and some of the ways you can avoid or expose them.

The first example is a scammer offers a service or experience that may actually exist, but they are offering a fake version of it... CapCon tickets are the best example. CapCon is a major AB/DL, age play convention and getting tickets, especially tickets to the host hotel, can be a challenge as the host hotel tickets can sell out in less than an hour when sales are announced. Individuals who have never attended CapCon may think tickets are just like the tickets to popular concert and thus believe a person presenting themselves as either a scalper or an AB/DL who had to cancel their trip and are willing to sell their tickets... CapCon doesn’t work that way. Tickets can only be purchased directly through the CapCon portal and all purchased tickets require background checks and vetting... they aren’t transferable... and careful research of the event or even looking over the website explains this fact, but every year the stories drop

² Catfishing scam - the practice of deceiving someone online by means of a fictional or assumed identity especially with the aim of leading them into a relationship for personal gains.

that some AB/DL got conned out of over one thousand dollars because they thought they had bought CapCon tickets.

Other examples are AB/DL group events that never take place... you purchase a ticket and the event cancels prior and there are no refunds... doing research on the group and asking the important questions like, have they hosted events before? Are there any testimonials of people who have attended? How long has the group been active? Is there any evidence that this is a real organization?

I'll use the Age play group LEAP as an example. The group has a website, discord, and listed affiliates and sponsors. It is extremely easy to verify that this group has been in operation, and their website clearly lists all their events in advance, costs, locations, and even has evidence of past events. These are some things you'll want to look for... obviously a group just starting out could be real... no group just instantly starts and has a massive AB/DL budget and play area content... but a deep dive and research can also expose a true fake.

The last "bait and switch" scheme I will mention I've encountered is someone offering registration in the "AB/DL community" so the applicant can officially attend events... such a thing doesn't exist... there isn't some grand registry of AB/DLs. This sort of scam also doubles as a phishing expedition... If the applicant pays to "join" the ABDL community, they will be asked personal information that will later be used to blackmail them further. This one is more on the dumber side of things and shows that scammers often will do little to no research on what AB/DL really is... but at the same time, AB/DLs just starting out and interacting with the community for the first time might actually believe it.

There are obviously more scams to watch out for, but they generally will fall under the categories of Blackmail, Catfishing, or Bait and Switch schemes. The most important thing to remember when avoiding these things is to do the research, be careful not to expose yourself to unnecessary risks, and if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

Stay Safe

- Baby Jp