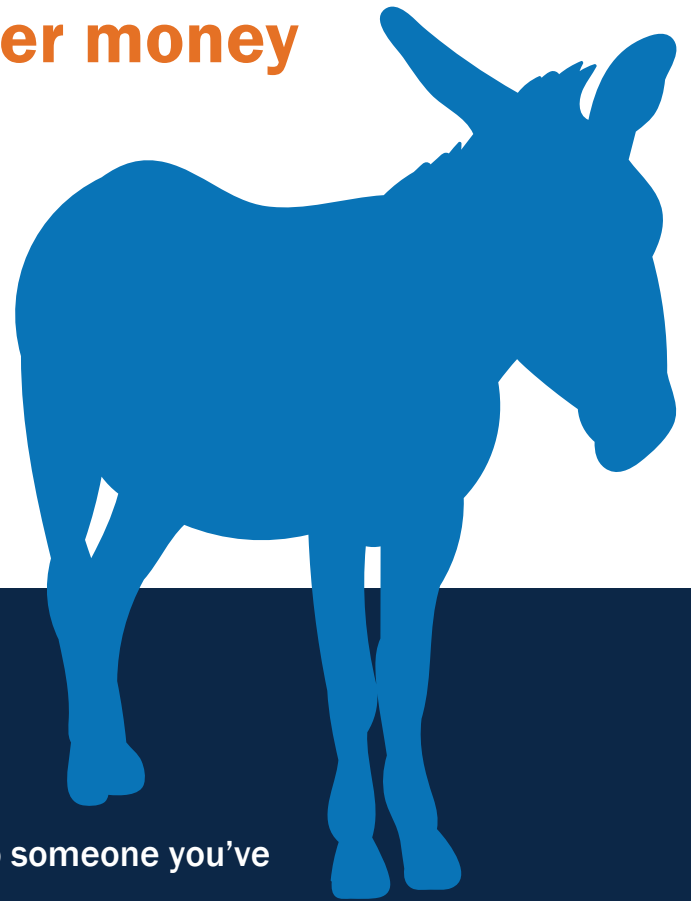


# People who move money for fraudsters are called “money mules”

## It's easier than you think to be used as a mule to launder money

Criminals recruit mules in a number of ways. They use dating websites and social media networks to lure people who feel lonely. They use employment websites to prey on people who may be in need of work, especially in a crisis like the pandemic.

These criminals will break your heart, drain your bank account, and could make you a part of their scheme.



## How to know if you've been tricked:

- You've been asked to send or move money to someone you've only met online
- You've agreed to receive packages from people you don't know
- You've let other people deposit money into your bank account



## Don't be a mule.

If you think you've been the victim of a mule scam, please contact [PandemicOversight.gov/contact/hotline](https://www.pandemicoversight.gov/contact/hotline)

