

Purchasing used items on Craigslist is a norm for many individuals across the United States as is listing items they no longer need or want. However not every deal on Craigslist can be trusted, and for that reason we have a few safety tips for you.

While making purchases on Craigslist consider using the guidelines below to insure you are protected from theft and scams.

Try and deal locally so you're able to meet folks in person

Follow this one rule and avoid 99% of scam attempts

Never wire funds via Western union, Money gram, or other wire services

Anyone who asks you to do so is likely a scammer

Fake cashier checks and money orders are common

Banks will hold you responsible when the fake is discovered weeks later

Craigslist is not involved in any transactions

Craigslist does not handle payments, provide escrow, “buyer protection” or “seller certification.”

Never give out financial information

(bank account number, social security number, eBay/PayPal info, etc.)

Avoid deals involving shipping or escrow services

Know that ONLY a scammer will “guarantee” your transaction

Do not rent a house or purchase goods sight-unseen

That amazing rental or cheap item may not exist

When dealing with prospective employers or landlords do not submit to credit or background checks

Wait until you have met the job interviewer or landlord/agent in person

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