

# Ways to Sell and Buy

## Safety on the Internet

Individual sales of items on the internet have become a common occurrence whether it is through Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Let go, etc. It is a great way for many of us to buy local and save money. The majority of people buying and selling on these sites are offering real items; however a small percentage are there to take advantage of buyers by scamming or robbing them. We want you to be smart about your buying so here are some ideas and tips to look for:

- Always meet in a public location and bring a friend if possible. Coffee shop, restaurant, etc. Do not meet at homes, intersections, or secluded places.
- Do not give any personal information to the seller other than email or phone to contact each other.
- Do not carry a lot of cash. Bring only the money for the transaction. Leave your wallet or purse in your car trunk.
- Always have your phone cell phone if you must go alone
- Trust your instincts and if does not feel right leave

### Red Flags

- Anyone claiming to be certified on Craigslist (Craigslist does not certify)
- Someone using money order/gifts cards/cashiers checks
- Requests to use a 3rd party escrow service to hold the money
- Use of stock photos of items or unusually low price listing
- Refusing to meet in a public location– thieves will use a variety of excuses, do not accept them.

