

Marketplace App Shopping

Safe buying and selling on Offer Up, Let Go, Craig's List, and Facebook Marketplace

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MEET AT A SAFE LOCATION

If you are buying or selling an item on the marketplace, be sure to meet at a safe location. Do not meet at either your home or the other party's home if it can be avoided. Your local police station is a GREAT place for the transaction



AUTHENTICITY OF THE ITEM

If the item you are buying is a name brand, do your research first so you can hopefully spot a fake. High end items will always have some marking to prove it is authentic. Ask the seller to provide a picture of the marking BEFORE meeting with them, and then verify it in person.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Even when meeting at a safe location, you still need to be aware of what's going on around you. Don't get so caught up in the transaction that you don't see other people or cars that COULD be apart of a scam.



GOOD DEAL?

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. We all want to get the best deal we can, but some are actually NOT a deal at all. Ask questions and requests photos. If you're still not sure, trust your instincts.