



Tips for Buying

- Buy at your own risk, assume all deals are “as is”
- Familiarize yourself with the categories
- Contact the seller ASAP and express your interest
- Negotiate the price
- Be honest and be polite
- Be ready to act quickly and meet in person
- Examine item thoroughly
- Don’t feel pressured to buy
- Bring the exact amount in cash, if possible
- If you’re uncertain, don’t bring cash at all
- Bring the right vehicle to take it home in

Tips for Selling

- Know the categories to place your item properly
- Always use images if possible
- Write detailed descriptions
- **DO NOT WRITE ENTIRELY IN CAPS!!**
- Ask a reasonable price (not too high/not too low)
- Use keywords to increase chances of coming up in a search
- Be honest, forthcoming, and polite
- Field multiple offers until you are sure you have a buyer
- Agree on amount & form of payment before meeting
- Remove your ad once an item is sold
- Create a free account to keep track of your posts



Being Safe

- Never meet alone
- Cell phone on and in your pocket (pre-dialed, if you wish)
- Meet in a public location like a coffee shop, public library, or other neutral location
- Selling a big item? Have it in your garage, not in your house (Don't let anyone in the house)

Avoiding Scams

- Only deal locally with people you can meet in person
- Never wire any money
- Never give out private financial info (SS#, bank, paypal)
- Avoid offers involving shipping
- Craigslist is not involved in any transaction
- Craigslist does not guarantee anything!

More Sources

- Mobile app - [craigslist.mokryia.com](https://www.craigslist.com/mokryia)
- www.craigslist.org/about
- DVD – “Craigslist Joe”
- Book – “Craigslist 4 Everyone” by Jenna Lloyd