**PERSONAL SAFETY**

**DO**
- Insist on a public meeting place like a café.
- Tell a friend or family member where you’re going.
- Take your cell phone along if you have one.
- Trust your instincts – they’re usually right!

**DON’T**
- Invite strangers into your home.
- Use your real email address in a post—always use the “anonymize” feature when posting an ad.
- Accept a ride from anyone until you get to know them better.

**FINANCIAL SAFETY**

**DO**
- Deal only with people you can meet in person.
- Be especially careful when buying or selling high value items.
- Understand that Craigslist is not involved in any transaction.
- Only buy expensive items if you can inspect them in person beforehand.
- Meet the landlord or employer in person before agreeing to any credit or background checks for a job or apartment.

**DON’T**
- Give out financial information like credit card or bank account numbers.
- Wire funds via Western Union, MoneyGram or any other wire service.
- Accept payment in cashier checks or money orders - fakes are common.
- Make deals involving shipping or escrow (third-party or broker) services.
- Rent an apartment without seeing the interior first.

**VOCABULARY**

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POSTING & REPOSTING RULES:

- You may post to one category and in one city, no more often than about every 48 hours
- Posts similar to active posts will be blocked by Craigslist
- Removing the active post will allow you to post the new ad, unless the active post is less than 48 hours old
- If you lose the email that allows you to manage/remove your post, you can have it resent
- You may be required to verify your identity by having a security code sent to your phone

WHERE TO GET MORE HELP:

- The Craigslist FAQ and Help Desk: click on the link in the top left hand corner of the Craigslist homepage to find the list of frequently asked questions or submit a question to their helpful, volunteer-run help desk.