

## SAFETY TIPS: INTERNET PURCHASE MEETINGS

When buying or selling, always meet the buyer or seller in-person to see the product and exchange funds. Meet in a public place with many people around.

- Anytime two people meet, there is a chance for a crime to occur.
- Prior to meeting anyone, make sure you have their name and contact information, not just an email address.
- Do not bring large amounts of cash to a first meeting.
- If you are purchasing a vehicle, take the time to arrange for a lien check at Alberta Registries.
- Obtain proof of the seller's identity and confirm that he/she owns the vehicle.
- Check with the RCMP online to ensure it has not been stolen.

http://www.cpic-cipc.ca/English/search.htm

- If you decide to complete the purchase, bring a friend and consider completing the transaction in a public office like an Alberta Registry or police station.
- Keep a detailed record of your transaction and the steps taken to complete the purchase.

Never send or wire money to sellers or buyers. This includes never mailing a cheque or using payment services like PayPal, eBay Motors Purchase Protection Program, Bidpay, Western Union or Money Gram to pay for items found on Kijiji and other web marketplaces.

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Do not give out personal or banking information (e.g. social insurance number, bank account number) over the Internet.

Use common sense. If something appears too good to be true, it probably is.

Your best weapon is your brain. Use common sense, imagination, and good judgment.