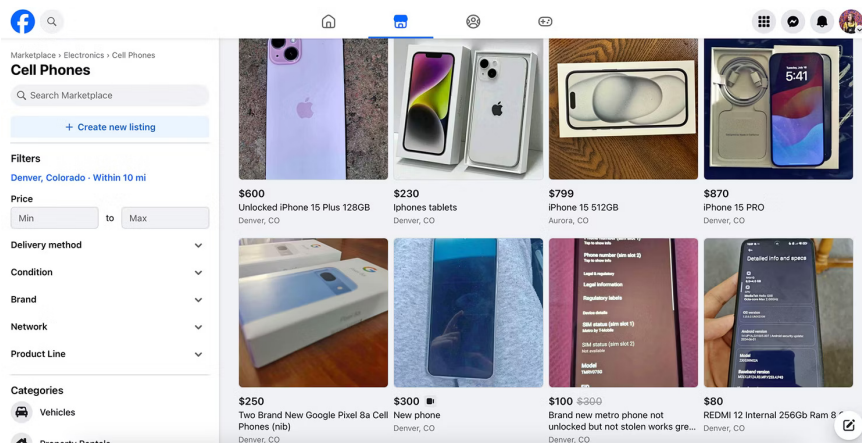


# Is Facebook Marketplace safe?

Facebook Marketplace is a popular way to buy or sell used items online. But is it safe to use?

Here are some tips and tricks to get the best results on Marketplace.

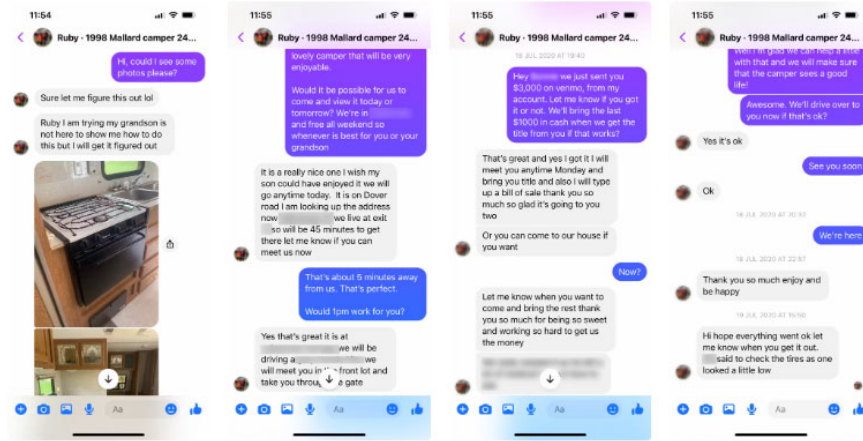
## What is Facebook Marketplace?



Facebook Marketplace is an online marketplace hosted by Facebook. To use Facebook Marketplace, you must have a Facebook profile. There are no restrictions on who can buy or sell, all communication takes place between buyers and sellers only.

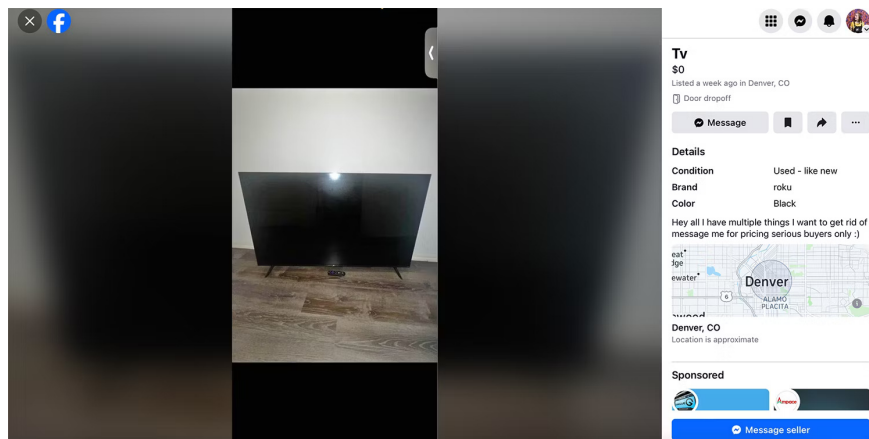
Facebook Marketplace was introduced on the social platform in 2016 as an integrated way for users to buy and sell items. You can find Marketplace as a Facebook app from both the mobile app and browser versions of Facebook. You can buy and sell almost anything on Facebook Marketplace, whether it's small appliances like nightstands and smartphones or big-ticket items like cars or even houses.

## Experience buying on Facebook Marketplace



When looking to buy specific items, Facebook Marketplace is often the platform many people use. Marketplace is a great way to buy a discounted MacBook or other often high-priced electronic items.

Facebook Marketplace sellers who have sold multiple items may also have reviews from previous buyers. You should check the seller's reviews and profile before messaging. Write a custom message instead of the default message Facebook provides to show buyers that you're genuinely interested and not a scam bot.



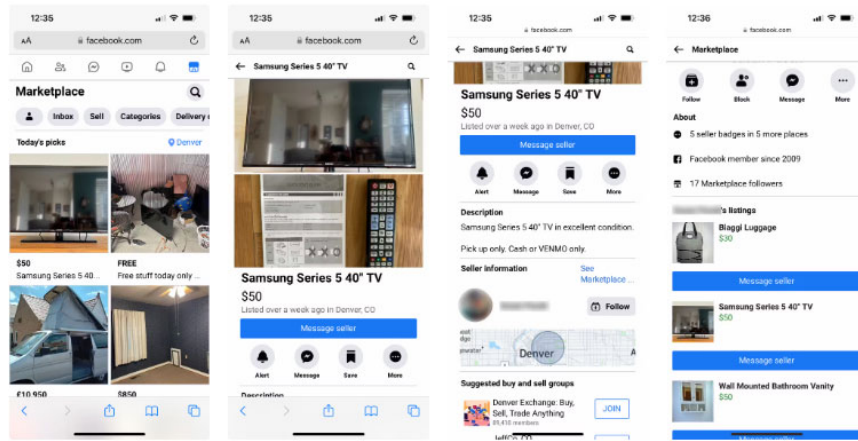
Before messaging the seller, read the entire description. Sometimes sellers list a lower price to attract attention, and they will write the actual price higher in the description or other warnings such as the item not working. When researching a product, compare prices and conditions with other retailers or discount marketplaces to get an idea of the item's value.

While meeting a stranger at their home or yours isn't a safe option, that's where you'll meet most sellers when making a purchase. Please bring another person with you for safety, confidence, or help during transportation.

Always research the product and seller first, and if anything seems off, cancel the transaction. You can't return items purchased from Facebook Marketplace, so check the item carefully before paying.

## Experience selling on Facebook Marketplace





Check the buyer or seller's profile. This helps see if they are honest and if they have any negative reviews or interactions that should make you wary of dealing with them.

Use the app to reverse search the list of images. This helps confirm the listing is authentic, as these photos should not appear elsewhere. Likewise, look for duplicate listings with the same title, image, or description. There should only be one listing for one item.

Typically, the best way to avoid scams on Marketplace is to only pay in cash after you exchange the item in person. Don't pay online, via bank transfer, and especially don't use any online gift cards.

Some people like to lock down their Facebook privacy settings if they frequently sell or buy on Marketplace. This includes changing your name - using a middle name or shortened version - and keeping any recent photos of you and your loved ones viewable only in your Friends List. Don't fill your feed with upcoming vacation plans if you give your address to strangers when making a sale.

Selling on Facebook Marketplace is a great way to responsibly liquidate assets or for buyers to find new items at great prices. Stay calm and alert in every situation!

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