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One of the most popular Internet venues of the past few years has been Craigslist. On this Internet site things can be listed for sale, job opportunities can be listed, things one desires can be found, and many other things are listed. Unfortunately, Craigslist has become a wide field for fraudulent practices.

One example of a common fraud is the sale of a car at a tremendous bargain. The car supposedly belongs to someone in the service and is being shipped home, but money is needed for current expenses or some other such thing before it arrives. The potential buyer sends the money and that is the last they hear of it.

Recently a man was arrested for advertising on Craigslist for putting an ad to rent a house he did not own. He collected thousand of dollars before being arrested for fraud. In the meantime, many people were out money they could not afford. The prospective renters could have easily avoided losing money if they had done a little checking.

Another common scam involves fake job postings. That's why it is always wise to approach "work from home" ads with caution. Many times, after paying an upfront fee, the job seeker will find little if any real work. If you ever get a phone number, its easy to use a telephone look-up directory such as cheap-lookup.com/814/863/ to make sure the person is not be impersonating someone else.

Anytime you are considering making a purchase on Craigslist or applying for a job, it's important to do some research and be cautious. Before sending money you should always require a personal review of the item or some type of guarantee on it. Personal ads should especially be treated with extreme caution as there are people out there looking to take advantage of lonely souls trying to make a connection.

There have also been many people who have sent money to pay for an item and the item is never sent. Of course, when this happens, there is no recourse and the money is simply gone. When dealing with Craigslist and making a purchase, it is much better to meet the seller directly to make an exchange of the money for the item. This allows you to take a look at the merchandise before actually paying for it.

A great benefit of Craigslist is that it is free, and many people have benefited from it. It is unfortunate that scam artists have also discovered this site and are only too happy to take advantage of it. This is why it is important to exercise caution with Craigslist, take the time to do some research and be aware that there are people on it who are only looking to swindle and steal.

Beware of anyone offering to send money via wire transfer or money order, especially from distant locations. Meeting the seller personally and buying locally is always the safest way to go. Always trust your gut and never give out personal information. And remember, an offer that sounds too good to be true usually is.

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