

# Craigslist for Beginners



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Craigslist postings are online classifieds.

Much like traditional newspaper classifieds Craigslist is separated into regions. Typically a Google search will result in the correct location based on your internet connection.

Craigslist also has discussion boards but we'll be talking about buying and selling primarily today



<http://www.dreamstime.com/stock-photography-classified-ads-image340102>

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We'll cover:

- what is craigslist
- Buying
- Selling
- Account?
- Safety

First, Craigslist is a place to buy specific items, services, and housing/apartments. Craigslist is extremely open and includes all the sections (and more) of traditional classifieds.

Let's take a look to see what a specific seller's post looks like.

With many users looking for goods or services on craigslist it's a perfect place to sell or rent.

Using your own email address Craigslist creates a contact email which will be forwarded to your inbox.

Often sellers will also leave an additional phone number (see safety)



- Large items (no shipping)
- All items are buy it now
- No fees (for most sales)
- Personal interaction
- Wider range of services
- Multiple postings

- Shipping
- Paypal
- No personal interaction
- Ebay's guarantees

When should I make an account?

Although there are no rules the users that most benefit from accounts are:

frequent sellers &  
heavy users



# How safe is Craigslist?

Craigslist as mentioned before is extremely unfiltered. While the majority of users have not had problems, there have been several high profile crimes committed using craigslist (*although usually through the dating links*)

# Tips for Craigslist Safety:

- When selling always meet buyers away from your home if possible
- Post as little personal information as possible
- Always see items in person before you purchase them
- Bring a friend or let someone know where you're going
- And finally **be a cynic** if something seems too good to be true, a little off, or questionable, walk away or verify a buyer or sellers legitimacy

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