



Providing A "Safe"  
Place to Conduct  
Online Transactions.



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The Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department in conjunction with the AIM Group, LLC are proud to announce that beginning, Monday, November 16, 2015 people who conduct transactions, through online sites such as Craigslist, may use the lobby and front parking lot area of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department as a "Safe Trade" location to conduct these transactions.

The AIM Group, a consulting company for classified advertising businesses, launched the "Safe Trade" initiative as a public service to promote the use of police facilities for members of the public to meet and conduct transactions with strangers.

The police department will designate (2) parking spaces directly in front of our building as "Safe Trade" locations. These marked spaces are subject to 24-hour video recording. The lobby of the police department, which is also under 24-hour video recording, will be open to persons wishing to conduct online transactions during weekdays ONLY (Monday thru Friday), excluding observed national holidays, during the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Anyone wishing to use the parking lot and/or lobby of the Westtown-East Goshen Regional Police Department should be aware that while all transactions will be subject to video recording, police officers will not assist or witness any transactions.

There are some restrictions when choosing to use the police department lobby or parking lot. **Under no circumstances may someone conduct a transaction involving the sale of any weapon or any illegal item at the police department.**

For more information on "Safe Trade" and for Online Transaction Safety Tips, please visit our website at [www.westtownpolice.org](http://www.westtownpolice.org).



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## Online Transaction Safety Tips

- Trust your instincts.
- **Insist that you meet at a public place such as a police station.**
- Do not meet in a secluded area.
- Do not accept a request to change the venue at the last minute.
- Do not invite strangers into your home, and do not go to theirs.
- Be cautious when buying/selling high value items.
- Conduct transactions with cash/money orders only.
- Perform the transaction during daylight hours.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it normally is.
- Tell a friend or family member about your intentions and have someone go with you.
- Take your cell phone with you.