

Village of Tinley Park

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Tinley Park begins Safe Transactions program

Area residents now have a neutral, safe place to conduct personal transactions such as Craig's List sales or the private sale or purchase of a car thanks to the Village of Tinley Park's new Safe Transactions program.

Buyers and sellers can now use the parking lot and lobby of the Tinley Park Police Department, 7850 W. 183rd St., from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. seven days a week to conduct these transactions.

“Safety is of the utmost importance when conducting sales transactions with strangers,” said Trustee Brian S. Maher, who also is Chairman of the Village's Public Safety Committee. “The Village's new Safe Transactions program addresses this need by providing a secure, safe environment for people to conduct business, which in turn reduces the likelihood of theft, robbery or violence.”

Sellers and buyers should refrain from bringing large items into the police station. The police department will not provide any assistance to the parties. Verification of authenticity, verification of payment, use of copy machines and police computers will be strictly prohibited.

Prohibited sale items include drugs, firearms and hazardous materials. Large items and items fueled by gasoline are not allowed in the lobby, but they are acceptable in the parking lot.

Please note that the Village of Tinley Park takes no responsibility for any transaction conducted on Village property. Staff also will direct any person who is disruptive or not following the rules to leave immediately.

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Those who chose not to use the police department as a safe place to conduct transactions should take the following precautions:

- Insist on a public meeting place to conduct the transaction. Do not meet in a secluded location.
- Do not invite strangers to your home.
- Be especially careful when buying or selling high-value items.
- Tell a friend where you are going, or have a friend accompany you.
- Take your cell phone with you.
- Trust your instincts.

For more information on the new Safe Transactions program, please call the Tinley Park Police Department at (708) 444-5300.

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