



Fraud Alert!

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Don't let fake tickets leaving you singing the blues









Do you just have to go to that special concert? Are you itching to experience a baseball game on a sunny Colorado afternoon? Is it time to get dressed up for a night at the theater?

Don't let scammers spoil your fun by selling you a fraudulent ticket – something that the AARP reports amounts to about \$4 million in losses per month nationwide and that increases with summertime activity.

Scammers sell high-demand “tickets” on the internet, collect the money then never deliver – or worse -- deliver counterfeit tickets or multiple copies of the same tickets that can lead to a mess.

Here are tips to avoid buying tickets to a performance you will never see:

-  Buy tickets only from well-known sellers such as Live Nation, Ticketmaster, Comcast Tickets and StubHub.
-  Check out resellers through the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org) or National Association of Ticket Brokers (www.natb.org).
-  Realize that anyone who accepts only cash, a wire transfer or a prepaid money transfer is likely not legitimate. Buyers using these methods of payment have no recourse.
-  Pay with a credit card or PayPal, which offers some fraud protection, but make sure you are paying through a secure site. (Hint: secure sites will have https:// at the beginning, the “s” indicating it is secure.)
-  Never provide personal information such as name, address and credit card number to someone you have not checked out. This can lead to identity theft, fraudulent charges and more.
-  The best advice to avoid this and other forms of fraud is not to get caught up in emotion or the thrill of “I must get this ticket” and proceed with caution and reason.

Immediately report to your local police agency if you think you are a victim of crime.
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