# Member-to-member contact policy

To keep the AMP marketplace functioning effectively, we know it is important for members to be able to communicate easily with each other. However, to keep everyone in our community safe we have guidelines and policies that cover how you communicate.

We don't allow our members to:

- Make offers to buy and sell outside of AMP
- Send spam
- Threaten others, or use profanity or hate speech
- Exchange email addresses, phone numbers or other contact information, web addresses or links

To find out more about our policies related to member-to-member communications, please read our full policy guidelines below.

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

### Does AMP monitor members' messages?

We sometimes monitor messages sent between members for fraud, abuse, spam, and other policy violations.

While we understand members may wish to keep communications private, if you contact members through channels other than AMP, we can't help if problems arise.

## What can I do about a member who's threatening me?

If you ever receive a threat, report it to us immediately.

We'll look into it and determine what action is needed, which could include suspending the member's account. You should also report threats to local law enforcement.

A member left feedback which I don't think is accurate or fair. Can I have it removed?

On request, we may remove some kinds of feedback – if it contains hate speech or profanities, for example. However, while we discourage rude and accusatory comments, we don't remove them if they're related to a specific transaction.

We would recommend getting in touch with the member and asking them to revise their feedback. Read our article on viewing, responding, and changing feedback.

# Read our full policy

# Member-to-member contact policy overview

Members can send messages to each other through AMP. We encourage open communication between our members but we don't allow our members to use these options to send spam, offers to buy or sell off AMP, threats, profanity, or hate speech. We also don't allow members to offer, reference, or request email addresses, phone numbers or other contact information, physical addresses, web addresses, or links within AMP messaging systems (Best Offer, My Messages etc.). AMP may monitor messages sent through AMP and between users for fraud, abuse, spam, and other violations of AMP's policies.

Activity that doesn't follow AMP policy could result in a range of actions including for example: administratively ending or canceling listings, hiding or demoting all listings from search results, blocking some or all of your messages/communication with other members, lowering seller rating, buying or selling restrictions, and account suspension. All fees paid or payable in relation to listings or accounts on which we take any action will not be refunded or otherwise credited to your account.

Please remember that we don't have control over communication unless it takes place through AMP. Also, posts on <u>AMP discussion boards</u> aren't covered by this policy. However, we do have a <u>Community content policy</u>.

## What are the guidelines?

### Spam (email)

We don't allow our members to send each other spam. "Spam" is an email (or part of an email) that is both unsolicited and commercial in nature.

Unsolicited means the person who received the message didn't request it. Commercial means the message discusses buying, selling, or trading of goods or services.

#### Some examples of spam include:

- Unsolicited email offers sent to potential buyers
- Email messages sent to a member on a mailing list without that member's prior permission
- Invitations to join a mailing list that aren't related to your AMP Store
- Offers to buy or sell off AMP
- Email sent using <u>AMP</u>
   Messages (or features
   such as the Contact
   member link) to send
   unsolicited commercial
   offers

#### Not allowed

- Offers to buy or sell items
   outside of AMP
- Messages that include email addresses, phone numbers, or social media links, contact information or usernames
- Messages that include links or web addresses
- Email and websites impersonating AMP –
   Some members have

reported receiving requests for personal information in email messages that look like they were sent from AMP, but weren't. Learn how to recognize spoof (fake) AMP websites and report spoof emails

 Sellers cannot show or link to direct email addresses in the listing or store pages (instead buyers can use the "Ask a question" feature at the bottom of the item description to send email messages to the seller)

If you have received spam from another AMP member, please forward it to spoof@AMP.com.

If you received a warning for violating our spam policy and you believe it was sent in error, or you were suspended for violating our spam policy and would like to learn more, please contact us.

#### **Threats**

We don't tolerate threats of physical harm using any method including by email or on our public message boards (such as our discussion boards, groups, and other community areas).

**Example:** "If I don't hear from you by tomorrow about the item I purchased, I will come over to your house and break your legs."

If you receive a threat, report it to local law enforcement. You should also consider contacting your local phone company if the threat was made by telephone, or the other member's Internet service provider (ISP) if the threat was made through email communication.

### Profanity and hate speech

Members aren't allowed to use profanity or hate speech in their communications with other members through AMP.

### Feedback comments containing inappropriate content

#### Removable

These types of feedback comments may be removed:

- Feedback containing
   personally identifying
   information about another
   member, such as a
   member's address, phone
   number, email address, or
   real name. We may also
   remove feedback that can
   be used to obtain
   personally identifying
   information about another
   member, such as a
   shipment tracking number
- Feedback not related to a sale, including a comment, reply, or follow-up related to a different sale
- Feedback containing political, religious, social, or other commentary, rather than genuine comments about a sale

- Feedback containing
  language that is profane,
  vulgar, obscene, or racist,
  as well as comments
  containing adult material or
  physical threats
- Negative feedback
   comments that directly
   contradict a positive rating.
   (When the comment is
   posted by the seller. This
   type of contradictory
   comment is not removable
   when left by the buyer.)
- Feedback containing links or promotional language which encourages buyers to purchase outside of AMP
- Feedback that includes references to law enforcement investigations or AMP or PayPal investigations

### Not removable

These types of feedback comments aren't removed:

 Feedback comments containing accusatory language such as "fraud," "liar," "cheater," "scam

artist," or "con man."

Although this type of comment is strongly discouraged, it isn't removed unless it also contains content that isn't allowed

 Feedback comments containing URLs or links to AMP.com

### **Additional information**

As outlined in our <u>User Privacy Notice</u>, we don't sell or disclose your information for marketing purposes. Your email address and other contact info might be disclosed to the other party when involved in a successful AMP transaction with you. We investigate and take action on reports of misuse of this information.

# Why does AMP have this policy?

Communication between members is a key part of the AMP buying and selling experience, and we want to keep it as open as possible. But it's important that our members feel safe and aren't getting unwanted email or offers from other members.