

PI - Police-related items - Prohibited and Restricted items

<h2>GUIDE.SUMMARY What is the policy? To help prevent impersonation, we don't allow certain police or emergency-service-related items to be listed for sale. The following items can't be listed for sale on eBay: Law enforcement and other government-issued uniforms, badges, or accessories (such as hats, jackets, shirts, or replicas of these items) Official emergency lighting systems or sirens, including lenses or LEDs for these systems Why does eBay have this policy? It is illegal to impersonate a law enforcement official. Our policy helps maintain a law-abiding marketplace by ensuring important government regulations are followed. <h2>GUIDE.TALKING_POINTS Law Enforcement Badge Badge from a defunct organization Your item may be from a law enforcement organization that is no longer in effect, however, due to the potential for misuse, any badge that resembles a currently-issued law enforcement badge cannot be listed on eBay. Historical badge Historical law enforcement badges can be listed only if the item does not resemble current-issue law enforcement badges. Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) shoulder patch In response to a specific request from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), listings for all components of the RCMP uniform are prohibited, including cloth shoulder patches and similar items that are otherwise generally allowed. Emergency Lighting and Sirens Amber and clear lights In North America, clear and amber lights are used for a variety of uses to signal caution. However, red and blue are generally used to signal emergency. In Europe, green is also used for emergency service lighting. Green lights Traditionally, blue lights are used for both firefighters and EMTs. However, some states use green lights for both firefighters and/or EMTs. Images with emergency lighting, sirens, and decals By including images with emergency equipment prohibited on

eBay, buyers may believe that equipment is included even if you describe that those have been removed.

Even for buyers that may read and understand that you have removed the equipment after taking those pictures, those images will indicate that the equipment was attached and may still be available if requested.

Police Uniforms

Uniforms that resemble current issue

In the best interest of safety to the community, all uniforms that resemble a current-issue uniform will be removed regardless of age. This policy's intention is to ensure eBay is not used to purchase items that may convey false authority to the public.

So much restriction from government-issued items

Our goal is to prevent eBay from being used to acquire any item that may be misused to impersonate a law enforcement officer or government employee.

In General Selling only to official personnel

eBay doesn't have any process in place to make sure that only specific types of buyers are able to view or bid on your listing except for our Bidder Management tools (which are only based on Unpaid Item status, Feedback, ability to pay immediately with PayPal, etc.).

There is no way to verify before bidding which buyers may represent or work for official state agencies.

Also, we can't be sure that sellers have the capability or access to verify that a buyer works for an official state agency.

Our policy explained

Our policy is a result of direct consultation with more than 500 law enforcement agencies around the world. It reflects a concern that these items may be used to impersonate police officers. Many state and federal governments don't even allow the possession of some law enforcement items, except by police officers.

Additionally, state and federal laws prohibit unauthorized individuals from having a law enforcement badge. One of these laws (U.S. Code Title 18 Section 701) bans "the manufacture, sale(s), or possession of any federal badge without the specific authority of the head of the issuing department or agency of the U.S. government."