

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DIRECTORATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
TRADING STANDARDS SERVICE

**ONE-DAY SALES AND AUCTION TYPE SALES  
"IF IN DOUBT, DON'T PAY OUT!"**

"ONE DAY SALES" held in local halls, pubs, hotels or shop premises can cause problems for buyers.

It is tempting to think you are getting a bargain, but, if the goods you buy are faulty or wrongly described, will you be able to sort the problem out or get your money back?

Before parting with any money, ask yourself the following:

- Do you know what you are buying? Is it good quality? **Can you examine** it before you pay? **DON'T PART WITH ANY MONEY BEFORE YOU'VE CHECKED THE ACTUAL ITEMS YOU'RE BUYING.**
- Is it worth the price? How does the price compare with local shop prices? **GET AN IDEA ON CURRENT SHOP PRICES BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO BUY.**
- Have you heard of the brand names on offer? Can you be sure that the goods are new and not "seconds", returned goods or obsolete or outdated goods?
- Is it really a bargain? **DON'T BUY "MYSTERY" GOODS** - genuine bargains are usually out on display for all to see - ask yourself why these are not!
- Do you have to buy anything first before you can bid for or buy any further items? (Restricting the sale in this way can be a criminal offence under the Mock Auctions Act 1961).
- Do you know who you are buying from? Will you get a receipt? Is there a notice displayed giving the sellers name and address?
- Is the sale likely to be still there if you need to go back? Could you find the trader again? What if the trader is based in another part of the country?
- Can you ask the seller any of the above questions, as you would do if you buy from a shop?

**Make sure you are given a receipt and full details of the company's name and address**

For further advice please contact:

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