



TRANSACTION SAFE ZONE

Here are some frequently asked questions (FAQ's) or restrictions for the Oberlin Police Department Transaction Safe Zone:

What area of the police parking lot is available for this use?

The front area of the Oberlin Police Department parking lot only is available for your use. No parking in restricted areas marked for police vehicles.

What area of the police lobby is available for this use?

The Oberlin Police Department offers the full lobby area for your use.

Is the police parking lot and/or lobby under video surveillance?

Yes, the Oberlin Police Department has the ability to video record both the front public parking lot as well as the entire lobby area.

Are there any day or time restrictions?

Yes, we request you limit your meetings during the daylight hours. There are no day restrictions but is based on availability of space.

Do I have to make an appointment to use the police parking lot or lobby?

No

Do I have to notify the dispatcher that I am in your parking lot/lobby to conduct e-commerce transactions?

You do not have to but it certainly would be appreciated. Then we could ensure you are parked in an area that is recorded.

If I have a really big transaction or I'm suspicious of who I am meeting, can I have a police officer stand by?

This is possible, but will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. It will not be part of the normal procedure for e-commerce activity.

Will the police check to be sure something is not stolen before I purchase it?

The burden is on you to make the transaction that is in your own best interest. The police department cannot be held liable for guaranteeing an item is not stolen before you purchase it. Law enforcement databases are not used for civil transactions. Therefore, the legitimacy of the transaction is at your discretion.

Is there any other restrictions or information I should know about?

Yes, CCW permit holders are not permitted to bring weapons into our facility. The legal sale of firearms or other weapons will not be permitted on police department property. We offer no other service associated with the transaction such as notary services, counting money, checking for fake/counterfeit money, verifying money amounts.

Vehicles, trailers, watercraft, and large equipment **may not** be left in the municipal lot for display by sellers.

You are discouraged from loitering in the department parking lot or lobby for unnecessary lengths of time.