Safe Meeting Checklist - Use this checklist if you are completing a private, in-person firearm sale. These steps help reduce risk and create a clear record of the transaction.

Choose a Safe Location

- Meet in a public, well-lit area
- Prefer locations with cameras or staff present
- Avoid private residences, parking garages, or isolated areas
- If available, use a police department or designated safe exchange zone

Bring the Right Documentation

- A completed Bill of Sale
- A government-issued photo ID (both parties)
- Any accessories or magazines included in the sale
- A pen for signatures

Verify Basic Buyer Information

- Confirm the buyer's name matches their ID
- Confirm the buyer appears to be of legal age
- Do not proceed if anything feels inconsistent or unclear

Handle the Firearm Safely

- Ensure the firearm is unloaded before the meeting
- Keep the action open during inspection
- Do not chamber ammunition at any point
- Transport the firearm according to local laws

Trust Your Instincts

- If something feels rushed, pressured, or uncomfortable, walk away
- A legitimate buyer will respect caution and documentation
- There is no obligation to complete the sale

***Note**: Many sellers choose to complete transfers through a federally licensed firearms dealer (FFL) to avoid private meetups, paperwork uncertainty, and liability concerns.*