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The National Consumers League offers information about how to purchase tickets for live events and sports tickets. The guide should help fans navigate the often confusing and cumbersome process of buying tickets online.

Keep these suggestions in mind:

- Read the fine print: Artists increasingly are selling restricted tickets, also known as paperless or credit card entry tickets, and those often cannot be given away or sold.
- Look into pre-sales. Popular artists, venues and ticket vendors tend to allocate large blocks of tickets to fan club members, VIPs, etc., leaving only a small portion of ticket sales for the general public.
- Beware of hidden price floors. When buying resale tickets on secondary sites, check multiple sources to make sure you get the best price.
- Use reliable sellers. If you're unsure whether a company is legitimate, check its ratings with the Better Business Bureau. Also make sure as to whether you're buying tickets from the box office, official ticket agent or a reseller, so you can be protected.
- Check your ticket vendor's guarantee policy. Check websites of vendors to assure their integrity.
- Purchase with a credit card so you can dispute any unfair or unauthorized charge and be sure you're dealing with the company's URL to ensure that you don't get duped by an imposter. Be sure the site has https:// at the beginning of its address.
- Check if the price includes additional fees and make sure you know if you're comparing ticket prices that include fees.

My goodness, I didn't know ticket purchasing was so susceptible to crooks.

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His career as a professional writer began in 1976 with the publication of Rotten Ralph, which he wrote with his illustrator friend, Nicole Rubel. He has taught college-level creative writing, literature and publishing.

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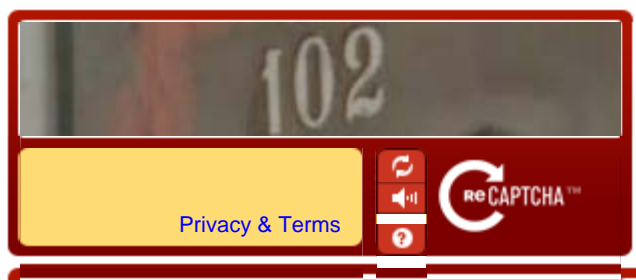


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