



How to Protect Yourself Against Ticket Scams



Icons Relate to the Following:

- ⚠️ Warning
- 🎫 Ticket Safety
- 🔍 Verify
- ✉️ Message Safety
- 💳 Payment Safety
- 🛡️ Protection
- 📱 Digital Ticketing
- 🚫 Too Good to Be True
- 🛠️ Recovery
- 📢 Report It

Key Points

- ⚠️ Scammers increasingly sell **fake digital tickets** through online marketplaces.
- 🎫 Digital ticketing makes fraud easier because fake QR codes can't be verified until event entry.
- 🚫 Criminals exploit **sold-out events** and fan excitement to push rushed decisions.
- ✉️ Fake ticket-selling websites mimic legitimate platforms like Ticketmaster.
- 💳 Scammers often demand payment through **Zelle, Venmo, or wire transfers**, which offer no recourse.
- 🔍 Fraudsters use stolen photos, fake listings, and counterfeit digital tickets.
- 📱 Many victims only discover the fraud when their ticket fails at the venue gate.
- 🛡️ Some scammers create entire **look-alike ticket websites** to trick buyers.

🛡️ How to Protect Yourself

- 🎫 Buy tickets only from **name-brand sellers** or verified resellers (e.g., NATB members).
- 🔍 Double-check URLs to avoid **look-alike ticket sites**.
- 💳 Use **credit cards**, not peer-to-peer apps, for fraud protection.
- 🚫 Treat offers for sold-out events with **high skepticism**.
- ✉️ Only buy from individuals you **personally know and trust**.
- 🎫 Check venue **seat maps** to confirm real section and seat numbers.
- 📱 Ensure you're using the **correct Ticketmaster or StubHub URL**.
- 🛡️ Use NATB's **verified ticket sources** list when buying resale tickets.



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SOS If You Think You Were Scammed

- 📞 File a **local police report** and notify your state attorney general.
- 🛡️ Report the fraud to the **FTC** at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. .
- 📧 Submit a complaint to the **FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3.gov)**.
- 📄 Report the scam to the **BBB Scam Tracker**.
- 📞 Call the **AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline (877-908-3360)** for support.
- ✂️ Keep screenshots, receipts, and messages to help investigators.

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