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Flowers Online - Be Safe With Payments

By "D. L. Randolph"

The Internet has made the world into a global community. No longer is there a need to expend even the price of a phone call to send flowers across town, across the country or to the other side of the world. All you need is an Internet connection and a way to make payments. The result is that you can send flowers to anyone in a matter of minutes.

But is it safe to use online florists to send flowers? The biggest issue is security of your online payment, and there are some things you can do to be sure that's done as safely as possible.

Start by looking for a reputable florist. The names really aren't going to give you much help here because you'll find international flower conglomerates with names like "Flowers Are Us" and with contact information like "1-800-Flower." There are some names you'll recognize and those are going to be your best options. A company doing two-bit scams isn't likely to spend thousands of dollars advertising on television and online.

Instead, look at services offered by these companies to help you decide. Extremely limited delivery services and times may be a tip that this is something less than a reputable florist, as are too-good-to-be-true promises like "we deliver in an hour or less."

The actual delivery may be something to consider. If you're delivering to an office or some public place, you probably have nothing to worry about. But don't overlook the fact that you have no idea who will be delivering the flowers you send. If you're sending flowers to someone's home, it's vital that you use a well-known florist who has been more likely to screen their delivery people. A florist who is working out of the basement of his or her apartment building may very well be hiring the wino around the corner to deliver orders!

Take a minute to look for a privacy policy. There should be one posted on the website. If not, beware! This is another reason for choosing well-known companies - they're more likely to take privacy seriously and to be careful of sharing your information or allowing breaches to their security.

One of the biggest advantages of ordering flowers from an online company is that you have the ability to look for the bargains. But finding an online florist with ridiculously low prices may not be in your best interests. Are you trying to impress someone? Sending wilted carnations probably isn't going to scream, "I like you." Some online florists will count on the fact that you aren't going to see the flowers you send, and that the recipient isn't going to tell you that the flowers were second-rate.

Choosing an online florist may take more time than actually placing the order. But keeping your personal information safe while you make that good impression is important.

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Information Directory and Resource Site which provides a consolidated listing of the best Florist and

Flower sites in one easy to navigate location.

Eating Edible Flowers

By Amanda Baker

After a family member's recent stay in the hospital, you find yourself with a whole houseful of flowers. You've heard of using flowers to decorate dishes or for use in recipes. However, before you go plucking the petals off the flowers in those arrangements, there are a few things that you need to know.

Flowers that are said to be edible are only edible if they are either grown organically or treated with organic pesticides like those used on fruits or vegetables. Flowers that are from florists, nurseries or garden centers are grown for decoration only. They're usually chemically treated either by fertilizers or pesticides. They aren't safe to be eaten unless you know for certain that they've been maintained organically. Do not eat flowers growing on the side of the road! The chemicals used to maintain roadside conditions are deadly and the emissions from cars contaminate the flowers growing there. Your safest method is to grow the flowers yourself, so that you know with a complete certainty what's gone into growing the flowers.

Although a flower may be edible, it may not be palatable to some people's tastes. What might taste good to you may not taste even slightly appealing to someone close to you. Also keep individual allergies in mind before testing out a recipe. A little consideration goes a long, long way and could save you a trip to the hospital.

Before cooking with or eating edible flowers, remember to only eat the petals. The pistils and stamens

of a flower should not be consumed. Until you've tested the effects of a single flower, it's best not to ingest large quantities of any blossom, no matter how safe it may seem at the time.

Some of the most common flowers said to be edible are apple blossoms, carnations, chrysanthemums, dandelions, geraniums, marigolds, honeysuckle, pansies, tulips – even lillies and roses! There are so many more edible flowers out there, and recipes are available all over the internet. There are also cookbooks devoted solely to using these beautiful blooms.

So, the next time you've got some freshly cut flowers serving as a centerpiece for your company, you might want to reach up and have a little snack – as long as no one is watching!

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