

## Establishing an Iron-Clad Return Policy (10f 2)

Consumers see a return policy as a guarantee that reflects trust. Having a well implemented policy in place can be the difference between success and failure for many reasons.

- ✓ A high rate of returns is costly to the business.
- ✓ More than likely, customers will not purchase if the return policy is not clear
- ✓ A poor return/exchange process can ruin your reputation
- $\checkmark$  Returns can consume time, energy, and cash
- ✓ Repeat purchases will not exist

According to UPS, over 65% of consumers check a websites return policy before purchasing.

## Iron-Clad Return Policy (2 of 2)

☐ Return policy is clear and easy to find					
☐ Established an eligible return period (30-60-90 days)					
☐ Established a reason for return options					
$\square$ Give your customer a reason to choose why they are returning products					
$\square$ A high rate of returns is costly to the business					
$\square$ Include reference numbers on returns for easier tracking and inventory management					
☐ Create labels on the customer's behalf					
☐ Offer Clients the convenience of pre-authorized returns.					
☐ Establish separate policies for returns and Exchanges					
☐ Explains what items can be returned					
☐ What items can be exchanged					
☐ What products are "final sales"					
$\square$ In what condition can items be returned					
☐ What products can be returned for store credit					
☐ How should the customer initiate a return or exchange?					
☐ What are the steps to complete a return or exchange?					
$\square$ How long will it take for the customer to receive a refund or replacement?					
☐ Who will pay the shipping fees for the return?					
☐ Are there restocking fees					
$\square$ There is a process in place to identify commonly returned items					
$\square$ The address for returns is clearly stated					
☐ Can items be returned without a receipt?					
☐ How will you handle lost or damaged goods?					
$\square$ Return policy has been posted on website footer, FAQ page, Cart, Checkout, or Product page					
$\square$ The customer needs to return the order slip with their purchase.					
Exchange Only Store Credit All Sales Final Complete Refund Restocking Fees					