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#### Affiliate Marketing and Pay Per Click

Do you want to make more money? Do you want to turn that computer you spent so much money on into a cash cow? Well, it is possible. It won't happen overnight but with time and hard work you'll soon be working from home if you choose.

Do you currently have a website? Do you wonder why it isn't making you any money? You keep posting great content, wonderful writing samples and articles but still your balance is zero. Well perhaps you need to expand your horizons. By signing up for pay per click affiliate sites you can soon see cash going into your account simply by maintaining your site.

One of the most popular Pay per click programs is Google AdSense. Google AdSense will take care of the advertising for you. When you sign up, your site will have new advertisements and banner places in the open spaces. If anyone visits your site



and clicks on one of the ads, you get a referral payment. Again, Google takes care of the ad placement allowing you to concentrate on increasing the traffic to your site.

Joining a scheme such as Google AdSense is a good idea. They will help to promote your site and advise you on how to increase your traffic.

If you have been maintaining your website for a while, you probably know that one of the best ways to attract traffic is through the use of keywords. The right keywords will have them flocking to your site. The wrong words will have them running in droves. Sites such as Google AdSense can help with this as well. They operate Google ad words. This will help maximize the key word usage and help get the correct one for the most traffic.

Google does charge for this service so you need to be sure it is worth it before you buy. You don't want all of your profits ate up by the ad words scheme.



When you sign up for Google AdSense, you can be assured that page appropriate ads will be placed on your webpage. If you have a pet care site then things related to that topic will be placed.

Obscure ads that have nothing to do with your page are not likely to impress your reader or increase your earnings.

Google AdSense is only one example of search engines that offer a pay per click money making service. There are hundreds of others. One of the most notable is Yahoo publisher. It functions in much the same way as Google AdSense and offers a similar style of service. Which one you choose will largely depend on you. If you have several sites, you could try both schemes. See which one is better and go with that one.

If you have a or several web pages that just seem to be doing nothing, then look into a pay per click program. Sites such as Google AdSense and yahoo publisher will do most of the hard work for you. They will place the ads and decide which ads will be best for your site. This will leave you time to do the most



important thing; increase your site traffic and eventually your ad revenue. If you have websites, look into pay per click. The service is free so you have nothing to lose.

# Affiliate Marketing Businesses vs Sole Ownership

Today, many of us want to go back to our jobs and go to work for ourselves. However, the difference between those who want it and those that actually do it is staggering. Those that do make the attempt have two options open to them. Create their own sole proprietorship or create an affiliate marketing business. Both can be quite productive if they are successful.

Business requires a great deal of work despite the avenue you take. The more you're put in the more you are likely to get back. However, the sole proprietorship requires much more time and commitment and a much greater degree of risk. Creating your own business is extremely difficult. Unless you have a unique idea that is marketable you are going to have competition with other businesses. You have to create strategies to attract customers away from the already well-known businesses in your



area and over to yours. If you succeed the rewards can be immense but if you fail you could lose everything.

Affiliate marketing businesses provide several advantages in this area. First, you are marketing products that are already in existence. Fairly known brands are not so hard to sell especially if they have a good reputation. Good and trusted products will attract customers much faster than something new and unknown. Affiliate marketing takes care of all of this for you.

Being a sole proprietor is incredibly risky. If your business fails like the vast majority do your source of income has ended. Depending on how much debt your business had and how you financed the venture, you could lose much more than income.

Affiliate marketing takes the risk away. You are paid according to how well you perform. You do not need to worry how the business is performing overall. You get your commission based on what you sell. Affiliate marketing businesses are usually well



established so you don't have to worry about them folding up at a moment's notice.

Advertising is a huge part of any business. If you're a sole proprietor, advertising depends on you. You have to have enough in your budget to hire someone or devise a campaign yourself. The first costs money and the latter requires a great deal of time.

With affiliate marketing, the advertising is taken care of for you. You're usually given all you need in the form of leaflets, catalogs and other product information. You are also likely to be given good advice on how best to sell the products. Affiliate marketing programs should try to help you as much as possible. The better you do the better they do.

Finally, many times you need support and advice when you run a business. If you're a sole proprietor, you'll have to hire professionals for this. This runs into extra costs for your business. With affiliate marketing, there should be a representative on hand



that you can contact for support and advice. This service is usually free to all members.

Business is tough no matter how you slice it. Either route you take will require hard work and dedication. However, if you want to work for yourself, why not join a program where most of the work is done for you. With affiliate marketing, the risk is taken away.

This allows you time to concentrate on what needs to be done. Making profits and creating your business.

# Affiliate Marketing Options

Have you been wanting to give your current job the shove for quite some time? Do you have the tune, take this job and shove it as your cell phone rings? Would you love to get into your own business but you're afraid of the risk? Well, the fears of risk are



nothing to be laughed at. The vast majority of small businesses fail within the first year. There are a variety of reasons but the financial risk is incredibly high. To minimize the risk, look into the field of affiliate marketing. This takes about 90% percent of the risk factor away and allows you to set up a business for yourself.

As an affiliate, you do actually work for another company or merchant. You sell either products or services depending on your particular skills and talents. Affiliate programs are great for those that are creative, self-motivated and not afraid of hard work. When you become an affiliate, the corporation takes on the risk. You can sign on to sell products or you can sell services. You can work to increase website traffic to other sites and receive referral payments, or you can create your own sites and make money through ad revenue. The choice is entirely yours.

IF you are just starting out, you may want to join an affiliate program that has been established. You won't be competing with other internet giants and you'll gain some necessary skills and



experience. One well known affiliate partnership is the one that exists between Bizrate and Shopzilla.

Both of these two sites exist as separate entities. However, they have combined their resources to make an excellent affiliate program. Bizrate functions as a comparison-shopping site. If someone wants a certain item, they can search for it via Bizrate. The site will tell you where to purchase it and how much it charges. They will give you a complete item description as well. Bizrate also lets the consumers know who is offering particular items for the lowest price and who offers the best value for money. Bizrate gives consumers a chance to check out merchant reviews as well.

Shopzilla functions as an internet shopping site. They sell goods in several different categories and promise low prices with quality service. You can purchase nearly anything you like via the shopzilla site. If you have a credit or debit card the item will be delivered directly to you.



Shopzilla offers people the chance to join their affiliate marketing program. As one of their affiliates you are welcome to place sales content onto their site. You can place products that you might be selling for another affiliate company that you are working for; or you can work to increase the sales and revenue of the content already listed. Each method can result in sales commission and more money for you.

One great advantage of the shopzilla affiliate marketing program is that it works with the bizrate site. Even though shopzilla runs the affiliate program it has the support and backing of another major retail site. Your content can be posted on shopzilla and then reviewed on bizrate. If you're a good seller and offer a quality product this can be highly advantageous. By becoming a good reliable merchant, you can get a bizrate high rating which will make customers trust you over others.

If you are creative and have sales savvy then perhaps you should consider a career in affiliate marketing. This will allow you to work for yourself with very little risk to you. It is easy to get started and



the costs are next to nothing. If you have a computer and internet then you're all set. By taking advantage of the shopzilla-Bizrate partnership, you can maximize your earning potential. By placing your content on shopzilla and having it rated on bizrate, you can gain a high level of exposure and internet traffic. If you offer a quality product and conduct yourself as a good merchant, there is no reason why these two sites can't make you a lot of money.

# Affiliate Marketing Resources

Many of us would love to venture out on our own and work for ourselves. However, two major factors tend to get in the way. The fist being money and the second being risk. These two factors should not be taken lightly. Even small businesses need a substantial amount of capital to get them started. The risk factor is even scarier. Up to 90% of all small businesses fail within the first year.

Affiliate marketing takes the risk away. It can also be started with next to 0 money. Affiliate marketing can be quite a lucrative



venture. If you have a natural knack for sales or marketing and are self-motivated and prepared to work hard then an affiliate marketing scheme could be a wise move for you.

Almost daily, you see advertised courses and seminars that claim to hold the secret of instant wealth. By attending this course, you will have all of the tools you need to get your business off the ground and become a millionaire. Those who want to start their own affiliate marketing business often attend these thinking that they will help their business thrive.

Courses and seminars more often than not, disappoint. First, these courses and seminars are usually quite expensive. You have the course or seminar fee. Plus, any travel and hotel costs. Most of these are held in heavy tourist destinations around the country. Second, the person giving the seminar or course is usually on some kind of a promotional tour. While they do give out information at the course or seminar, their true goal is to sell you their latest book or software. The truth be told, everything you



learned from that seminar was probably written in their book. You could have saved thousands if you had just bought their book and read it rather than shelling out for this course.

While it is true that you should educate yourself in affiliate marketing, the best resources are not courses. However, books are. By simply reading up on affiliate marketing, you can gain wonderful insights and save loads of money. By simply looking on retail sites such as Amazon or EBay, you can get hundreds of titles on the subject. There are loads of step-by-step guides available on how to get your affiliate marketing business going and how to build it up.

Another great resource for affiliate marketing is the internet. Simply by typing affiliate marketing into any major search engine, loads of information comes up. There are plenty of free courses online that you can take on the subject if you are determined. Read through the



information available to you for nothing. Chances are a course or a seminar won't teach you anymore than what you can learn online for free.

Magazines and newsletters are fantastic resources for affiliate marketing. Newsletters are generally free and contain good, valuable information about particular programs. You'll hear accounts from people who are working in affiliate marketing. Their advice is worth having being that they are doing now what you want to be doing in the near future.

Finally, one of the advantages of joining an affiliate marketing program is the support that you receive. Any legitimate company should want you to succeed. The more profit you make, the better for them. They should have their own advice and support network that is available to you. This could be in the form of an agent whom you can contact or advertising materials. They may offer a wide variety of things to help you build your business. They can be one of the most important resources for you to rely on.



If you are considering a career in affiliate marketing, then you should find out what you are getting yourself into. Don t waste money on expensive seminars and courses. Look for books, newsletters, online information and the companies themselves. Some of the best information is available to you for free.

# Affiliate Marketing Rules

So, you have been wanting to get into affiliate marketing, and want to know the rules. You have your website and or blog all set up and ready to go. You have chosen your niche and market that you want to promote and make money off of. You just need links to start making money. Promoting other's services and products is not something that is difficult to do. However, you will find that with all of the many companies that offer affiliate programs, and referral options, they all have their own rules that you must follow.



Affiliate marketing is pretty easy to follow, that is unless you have many different programs that you are a part of. When you start getting so many that you cannot remember the rules, or the guidelines that you have to follow, you might have a problem. This is because the rules for affiliate programs are as different as the companies. Each company is allowed to make their own rules. However, you might see many similarities. That does not mean that they are copying one another, or

cloning their affiliate program so to speak, but yet it means that they have the same rules.

Affiliate marketing rules can be so very different. They can range from not mentioning the brand names that they sell anywhere on your website, to not having that particular market in your website URL. Because they are so different for each program and company that you promote, you are going to have to be sure that you read each one well and make sure that you understand it fully. If you already have your URL for your website, you may not



be able to participate in some of the affiliate programs. This is because you will not meet the requirements for the rules.

Another rule that you are going to see often when you are into affiliate marketing is the page rank rule. Some of the companies that will allow you to promote their services or products will not want you to have a higher page rank than they do. Nor will they allow you to have a website that is higher in the search engine rankings. For example, if you were promoting coffee, and you wanted to become an affiliate for Folgers's coffee. Your website would not be able to come up above the official Folgers coffee website in the search engine results when coffee, or Folgers's coffee is used as the search term. The companies that have this rule in place for their affiliate marketing programs feel as if your website were higher than theirs for the product that they are selling,

that it would hurt their business tremendously. And, it just might. They would rather have the straight sales any day, than the commissioned sales. Who wouldn't?



Keeping a spreadsheet of the affiliate marketing programs that you are a part of and their rules is a great idea. This way you are never confused and know just where you need to stand to be a part of that program. This is the best thing that you can do for your affiliate marketing business. Not only that, you will also find that some of the sites that have broken rules and have been caught have resulted in lawsuits. Cover your tracks and make sure that you are following the rules that are set by that company for the best results.

You will also find that there is a thing that is called affiliate marketing software. If you can find a program that fits your needs and will help you keep everything straight, you may not have to worry about keeping track of them yourself. Use your software to keep track and make sure that you are doing your affiliate marketing the right way. Your efforts will pay off eventually, and you will be glad that you went by the book and followed the necessary affiliate marketing rules.



## Affiliate Marketing: Staying Away from Scams

Many of us are upset and frustrated with our current jobs. The low pay and sense of being undervalued drive many of us to dream of our own businesses. However, the costs combined with the risk factors stops most of us in our tracks. Affiliate marketing is a way for people to work for themselves with no risk. There is no cost to you and you're paid on performance. However, today one has to be careful. There are plenty of scammers and con artists out there that are more than happy to take you money and hard work off of you. Unfortunately, affiliate marketing is not immune to these scammers. Daily, people are taken in by promises of big money with relatively little effort. In this article we will teach you some of the signs to look for and tell you how to spot a scam.

When you join an affiliate marketing scheme, you are either going to sell a product or a service. With products, you usually have a choice and range to sell. How you decide to do this is largely up to you. You could also sell a service. Web page designs as well as increasing sales and internet traffic are all examples of services offered by affiliate marketing programs.



How many times have you seen an ad on the internet promising huge earnings? Things like "Earn 1000\$ a day" or join our program now and become a millionaire. If you look closely at these ads, they are not actually selling anything. Any company that is just selling the

The opportunity to make money is likely a scam. True, some affiliate marketing companies will have attention grabbing headlines like the ones mentioned above. However, if you go on to read the ad and information, there will likely be a detailed description of what the company sells. They will also have a disclaimer and terms and conditions listed.

These companies that offer the opportunity to make money are likely pyramid schemes. The only people paying money are the ones actually joining. There is no income being created, just money being passed from person to person. Not only are these scams and you'll lose what you invested, they are also illegal and you can face prosecution.



Another thing to watch out for is no free participation. If you have to pay to join then you may have stumbled upon a scam or what is known as a multilevel marketing program. Multi-level marketing programs are completely legal and some people make a good living out of them. However, if you're not successful you may end up purchasing a bunch of products that you cannot sell.

True affiliate programs are free. That is part of their attraction. There are no costs to you and they should also be risk free. Any Affiliate

marketing programs that demand your money is not affiliate program. You should ask yourself why they are misrepresenting themselves this way if they are legitimate.

Many of us dream of being our own bosses. We would love to be able to take control of our lives and careers. The attraction of



answering only to you combined with setting your own working hours and committing what you choose brings loads of people into the affiliate marketing schemes. Affiliate marketing can be an excellent way for a highly motivated, creative person to make an excellent living. There are some wonderful programs out there just waiting to be joined. However, for every great program there is likely one that is fraudulent. Con artists operate in many areas and unfortunate affiliate marketing is not immune.

Before joining, check to see what the company is selling. If they are not selling goods or services then they are likely an illegal pyramid scheme. If they require your own money to get started then they are what is known as a multi-level marketing program. Affiliate marketing can be a great opportunity but you need to do your homework.



## **Affiliate Marketing Tips**

Today, many of us want to pack up our jobs and be our own bosses. The idea of working for you attracts many. However, the reality of making it happen soon stops most. In fact, the vast majority of us cannot get a business off the ground due to 2 main factors; the first being money and the second being risk.

Starting even a small business takes a fair amount of money. You need to buy or rent premises, purchase your stock and equipment and pay staff if you have them. You will also have other outside expenses such as advertising.

Risk is the factor that kills most businesses off. Even if you're lucky enough to get the capital to start, nearly 90% of all small businesses fail in the first year. If yours is one of the lucky ones, you have to keep reinvesting your time and money to build up the business's reputation. It could be anywhere from 5-7 years before



any significant profit is seen. Most of us cannot wait that long which is what makes affiliate marketing such an attractive offer.

Affiliate marketing involves you, working as an affiliate for a merchant or company. You sell either goods or services and you're paid on how much you produce. There are no costs and no risk. You put in what you choose and are rewarded accordingly.

Running an affiliate marketing business is challenging. You'll have to work very hard to build it up. However, you'll be rewarded for your hard work, not someone else. Getting an affiliate marketing program going may seem difficult. The truth is it is down to you and how much you want to put in. There is no sure-fire way to success but there are some good tips that you can follow to make your affiliate marketing scheme as successful as possible.

There are literally thousands of programs for you to choose from. However, to get started you may want to choose something that



you are familiar with. This product or service may not be the hottest thing on the current market or make you a millionaire, but you will come off more confident and sincere with something you know and believe in.

This will also help when it comes to creating your site. Something familiar will allow you to be personal and creative. Trying to create a

sites around something you know little about will soon become boring and tedious.

Working with something familiar will also give you some experience in the program. You can always expand at a later time when you are more familiar with how things work.



Another good piece of advice is to watch the number of banners that you put up. A site full of banners will make the site look ugly and put off potential buyers. Carefully place your banners and use them to accent your site. Stuffing it full will not help.

Remember, in the world of affiliate marketing there is no such thing as the perfect program. Any particular program will be stuffed full of varying testimonials. Some will be great; others will have not done so well. You need to decide for yourself and not be put off by a few bad experiences. In the end it is down to you and how much you want to put in.

Affiliate marketing is a great way to make money and work for you. The risk to you is minimal and there is no startup cost. There are many great

affiliate marketing programs out there and choosing the right one may seem like a daunting task. When you first start out, remember to stick to what you know. Find something you know



about and have an interest in. Make your site attractive to others and resist the urge to fill it with banners. This may end up having the opposite of your desired effect. Finally remember, there is no perfect program. Some will have success where others have failed. It is all down to you. Don't give up.

#### Affiliate Marketing: Tips on How to Spot A Scam

Many of us want new jobs with new opportunities. We are either bored with what we are doing at the moment and desire new challenges, or dislike the place we are currently working and desperately want a change. Many of us would love to run our own businesses. The freedom and independence that this brings, answering only to you and working when you want is an incredibly desirable thing. However, the reality of this materializing is slim to none in most people's cases. Most of us don't have the capital required to start a small business. Others are frightened off by the risk factor involved. Your steady income



will be gone as well as the fact that nearly 90 % of all new businesses fail within the first year.

Affiliate marketing is a way around the risk and startup costs. Affiliate marketing costs nothing to join and the risk is minimal. You paid according to what you produce and not according to how the company is performing. There are many wonderful affiliate programs for you to get involved with, however as with anything one needs to be cautious.

Unfortunately, today we live in an age of internet and business fraud. Countless people lose large sums of money on these home business scams. Unfortunately, the world of affiliate marketing is not immune to this. While it is impossible to list every precaution a person should take, there are some signs that people can look for. These don't always mean that the company is fraudulent but they should be looked into carefully.



Many lull themselves into a false sense of security when it comes to affiliate marketing programs. They feel that there is no cost to them money wise so they have nothing to lose. However, this isn't true. You may get away with no money being lost but you could lose loads of your next most precious commodity, that being time.

You're going to have to work very hard to build up your affiliate marketing business so you will want to be legitimate.

You should definitely ask the company for testimonials. Don't rely on the ones that they post on their website. Anyone could have written these. Ask for names and addresses of people that you can contact to find out how the program worked for them. You can also try searching on your favorite search engine. By looking under scams or the company name, you'll have a good chance of digging up any dirt that is there.



Read the testimonials carefully. If you find a few bad reviews, this shouldn't put you off. Sometimes people just are not cut out for certain programs. If there is better than bad then things are likely okay. You can also use these testimonials for advice on what to do and what not to do.

If you have problems finding information then this should be a warning. Good affiliate programs will have been around for a while and will have a track record. Resist the temptation to join up while the offer is still hot. If it is a good program, it will still be there in 6 months' time. If the product or service is worth having, there will still be plenty of profit to make out of it.

The lure of running our own businesses attracts many. However, the reality of what is involved stops most of us before we get started.



Affiliate marketing is a way to work for you without the financial risk. There are many great affiliate marketing programs in existence today. However, there are also many companies that are fraudulent. When deciding who to go with, check for testimonials. Use the internet to dig up the dirt. Check the company's track record. No track record at all can be as bad as a negative record. Beware of new companies. If they are worth it, they will still be there in a few months' time.

# Affiliate Marketing: What Is It?

Affiliate marketing is a great way to make an extra income. Once you have everything all set up and ready to go, you can begin making an income from your efforts. Affiliate marketing is when someone else pays you a commission or a percentage of what you sell for them. For example, a coffee business may pay you 10% on all sales that you make for them. This is how it works:



When a business decides that they would like to have some help selling their product or service, they will then start an affiliate program. When they do this, they are allowing others to sign up and sell their products or a particular service that they are offering. The ones that sign up to

the affiliate program has multiple ways that they can market the service or the product that we will get into later. However, the company that needs the help selling the product, will then give all of their affiliates a unique ID number that they can use in their links, and so that the company can see who the sale came from when a sale is made from an affiliate.

There are many different types of affiliate marketing programs. There are those that offer one-time commissions off of a sale. Some of them might offer lifetime commissions, and others may pay just for leads that you can get them. Whether it is for a newsletter lead, or something else. Just having interested parties sign up for things for more information is another one.



The type of affiliate program that you choose to have been completely up to the person that is the owner of the business. They can decide the percentage, or flat rate that they are willing to pay for a sale or a lead. Then those interested can sign up and help them make sales and get leads for a certain amount of money.

Those signing up for affiliate marketing, and different programs to sell for others, can do these many ways. They can promote the services or

the products on a website that is relevant to the affiliate programs that they are a part of. Or they can also promote them on a blog. Both of these are great ways to get traffic to your affiliate programs and make sales from them. Some even use email and newsletter marketing as a way to get sales for others as well. Whichever technique and way that you decide to use is up to you.



Once you have chosen the affiliate programs that you are wanting to market, you will then need to be sure to read all of the rules and stipulations for that program. Because all of them will be different. Some may not want their name used in the URL of your website, and some might also not want the particular product or service that you are selling for them used in the title tags for the page, or anywhere else on the page. Because of all of the different requirements and stipulations that you have to read, you may even need some software to help you sort it all out and decide which one is the best for you and your affiliate marketing business.

Choosing the affiliate marketing programs that you want to go with is not hard to do at all. Choose something that you know about, and that you can be known as an expert about. The more passionate you are about the service or product, the better, as it will shine through. Once you have all of your programs in place, check out SEO, and find out how



to get your website up on the first page of the search engines. This is going to take hard work and determination, but you can do it.

Affiliate marketing is something that anyone can learn. Start out by reading a good eBook or blog by someone that is a pro for the best marketing tips and techniques that you can use. Learn from others that have done and accomplished what you are trying to do.

## **Basic Affiliate Internet Marketing**

All of us would love to make a little more money. Sometimes just a little to supplement an income can be a huge help. Today it is easier than you think to get a little extra cash in your bank accounts. Most of us today have our own personal websites. We can get them for free and use them as a method to keep others informed of what we are doing. You can actually turn your website



into a way of making some extra cash for you. By placing some ads on your site, you have the potential to earn some cash.

When people go onto your site, if they see an ad that is interesting and click it on you receive what is known as a referral payment. The more clicks the better. Gradually your earnings will increase as your website gets viewed.

You're not likely going to get rich with just your own personal website. However, it is a way to get started. There may come a time when you create another site and you can start turning this into a money-making venture as well. You could sign up for an affiliate program and make money through their ads. To do this well you need to think of an appropriate affiliate program that readers of your site would appreciate. For example, if your site is about pets, you may want to look for affiliates that work with pet supplies, pet food or veterinary services. You'll want to have affiliates that will enhance your site. Having ads for rare books or sporting goods on a pet's website isn't going to attract too much attention.



Once you have a site up and running, you need to get a list of affiliate companies that will give you their advertising banners.

There are loads of companies on the net that will help you. You can also get performance statistics on them as well. You will be able to track how much you will earn and how you will be paid. Once you get a few banners onto your site you'll be able to check the progress for yourself.

Two companies that are incredibly popular are commission junction and link share. These will both help you find affiliates for your website. They have loads of good, accurate information available on what companies would be best and how well they perform.

Signing up for one of these affiliate programs is easy. You will be asked for personal information so don't be put off. This is



necessary because they will be paying you commission money. You'll be expected to give your social security number as well as take information. Once you sign up you will need to think about which programs to choose.

Commission junction has all of the information available on which companies pay which rates of commission. They also have information on how well and timely they make their payments. If a company has a shaky reputation, the commission junction will know about it.

If you're looking to make a little more money then it is easy. Why not take the first step and turn your personal website into a way to make cash? Fill up those blank spaces with advertisements and let the money roll in. you can always expand and create different websites. The more ads you can get the better. Affiliate programs are great ways to help you earn money. You can start off small with your own site and then



expand into other areas. Eventually, you could build your own affiliate business. Look into affiliate marketing. It could be quite lucrative.

## **Getting the most from Affiliate Marketing**

Affiliate marketing is nothing new on the internet. However, it sure is something that many come and go after. When you are looking to start your own website or blog and add some affiliate marketing links to it, there are some things that you should know. Affiliate marketing is not for everyone. It is not for anyone that is looking to make money fast, nor is it for the impatient. You have to have two things in order to be successful with affiliate marketing, and those two things are patience, and determination. When you put those two together, there is no stopping you or what you can do with your affiliate marketing business.



Affiliate marketing can be done a few ways; it can be done through email, newsletters, websites, or blogs. By using any of these things, you can be successful if you are marketing to the right audience. Finding your readership, and catching them with good content is what it is all about. To do so, you need to know where they go and what they look for. Try starting with message boards to begin with. However, use some

patience and don t come off as the newbie knows it all. Take some time and peak others' interest. Add the link to your website or blog in your signature line at the message board that you are visiting, and most importantly, make sure that the message board is relevant to your market. If you have a website that pertains to a market that has to do with gardening, you will not want to be visiting a message board that is all about pregnancy. It is really quite simple to understand how these two things must be relevant to get results.

So, once you have found a busy message board that will allow you to include your link to your website in the signature of your posts, you are in business. Just start off by posting and chatting,



and when someone asks a question that you know all about and answer to, answer it. This will pique their interest and before you know it, they will be clicking on the link in your signature and checking out your site. While doing this can be quite time consuming, it will pay off. Gain the other members' trust, and you cannot go wrong.

The next thing that you should know about getting the most from affiliate marketing is that you should be writing articles. Writing articles on the market that you are promoting and then submitting them to article directories or ezines is a great way to get the most from your affiliate links and programs that you are a part of. Be sure that you

include a link in the articles that you are submitting that will lead the readers back to your website. Doing so will get your site more traffic, and will pay off in the end. However, you will not want to submit the same articles that you have on your site to these directories. You will want different variations of the articles to be used in the directories. This is because when you submit these



articles to the directories, you are going to see that by checking your back links, there are other webmasters using your articles.

Which is also great because they will in return give you a back link to your site. However, they are depending on you to have a different article on your site than the one that you are submitting.

Affiliate marketing is something that takes work. You cannot just set up your site and let it go. You have to work on it consistently to see a good amount of revenue come from it. However, make sure that you are doing everything that you can to get it seen. Use the best free tools that are available to you, and pay for the ones that really work. You will find that you can get the most from the resources that are out there and available.



## How Affiliate Marketing Can Enable You to Work From Home

Most of us are incredibly comfortable in our own homes. It is where all of our comforts are kept. Part of the daily grind of a job is having to leave the home. The task is much more difficult if you have children to consider. Many of us would love to be able to work from home. We are more comfortable and can be much more productive. However, very few regular jobs offer this type of flexibility. They want employees on site where they can be watched and monitored.

If you would like to make a living working from home, the affiliate marketing business could be the answer. If you have a computer, with internet access there is no reason your home office cannot become your new home business.

Affiliate marketing means that you work on behalf of another company. You are helping to expand a company that already exists. This provides you with several advantages. First, your



marketing brands or products that are already on the market. You don't have to create a new product and present it to the public. If the brands are fairly well known then attracting customers should not be too difficult. It is much easier to sell something that has an established reputation that breaks in with something new.

Second. The advertising of the product will already be taken care of. The main corporation will have some suggestions and equipment available to help advertise the product or product line. This can include pamphlets, catalogues or posters. They will also make samples available at no cost to you. This minimizes your investment so the risk is nothing. You just need to concentrate on selling the product and maximizing your earnings.

Third, affiliate marketing can be done in the comfort of your own home. As long as you have adequate storage space for company products there is no reason you cannot set up shop in the comfort of your own home. You can put as much or as little into the



venture as you like. You are paid according to how well you perform. If you have an off month, it is reflected in your commission. You don't have to worry about a boss coming down on you. How much you do is entirely up to you.

Finally, running this business venture from your home presents very little risk for you. You have the perfect location and you don't need to invest any of your own money. You're also not subject to work and are sales targets to break even. What you produce is what you are paid for.

Running an affiliate marketing business is hard work. You'll want to make the most of your skills and talents and that means working some very long days. Don't be fooled by affiliate marketing companies that promise the world for very little effort. You'll have to work very hard promoting the products that you decide to sell. However, if you are willing to work hard and use all of your abilities, there is no reason why your affiliate marketing home business cannot be a huge success.



If you want to work from home then an affiliate marketing scheme is the perfect way. With minimal risk to you, you will be able to employ your skills to your own benefit. You'll have to work very hard but there is everything to gain and very little to lose.

## **How To Avoid That Affiliate Marketing Scam**

You have finally decided that the 9-5-day job isn't for you. You're tired of your work being undervalued and underappreciated. You would like to work when you feel you are most productive, not when some boss or manager feels it is so. You are also tired of working hard with no incentive or reward scheme in place.

Affiliate marketing is a great opportunity for those who want to venture out on their own. The minimal risk and zero startup costs make it an attractive option to many. Affiliate marketing programs are perfect for those people who are motivated and self-starters.



They are also great for those who want to set their own working hours.

The internet has helped change so many aspects of our lives. We can study and work from home with the help of a computer and high-speed internet access. However, there are unfortunately lots of scammers out there ready to take either your money or your work to use for their benefit. Many of these email scam programs and work at home schemes have little hope of amounting to any kind of living.

Unfortunately, these scammers have made their way into the world of affiliate marketing as well. There are some excellent affiliate marketing programs to get involved with; the trick is how to spot the scammers.

The face and manner of the internet and affiliate marketing is constantly changing. This makes it very difficult to produce a



definitive list of dos and don'ts. However, there are some signs that one can look for. If your company displays any of these signs it does not mean for

sure, that they are con artists. However, it should warrant further investigation.

An affiliate marketing program should always provide you with some support. This can include an agent that you can contact with questions or problems. A legitimate company should want you to do well. The better you do the better they do. It should at very least contain a toll-free phone number, email address and fixed street address. If your company is an online affiliate marketing program, the lack of an email or web page should definitely raise some red flags. Other things such as no phone or address do not necessarily mean that they are trying to scam you. However, you need to investigate them with a fine-tooth comb.



A good test is to send the company an email with some basic questions. If it takes them weeks to get back to you then you need to give this venture careful consideration. Again, they may not be out to con you but if they are poor at communication, this could be a sign of other internal problems.

If the company has no website, then you should consider something else. Legitimate affiliate marketing programs generally have a detailed

website with all the information you need. One should be suspicious of companies that operate only by email. A website is fairly easy to create so why hasn't this company invested the time to do so? Also, a website leaves a bit more of a trail to a company. If they do end up scamming you, the chances of tracing the people via a website are much better than tracing them through masses of email addresses.



Many of us would love the opportunity to work for ourselves. We would love to chuck in the day job and start our own businesses.

However, the costs of starting a business combined with the risk involved stop most of us before we even get started. Affiliate marketing is a great way to make some money by working for yourself. The costs are none and the risk minimal. One needs to use some caution when signing onto a program. Make sure there is adequate support available to you. Make sure the company is contactable and that they answer queries in a timely fashion. Be incredibly cautious of companies that have no website. These factors do not always mean that the company is out to scam you; however, they should be looked at carefully.