

### Grow with Google



## **National Partner Tips**





# International Downtown Association

Connect with your local place management organization such as a business improvement district or downtown alliance. These organizations often feature local businesses in their wide-reaching communications and initialize community-wide retail and restaurant promotions, especially around the holiday shopping season!



## Association of Women's Business Centers

Repeat business is the easiest sale to make. Design customer loyalty into the e-commerce experience and make it easy for your customers to buy more and buy often.



# Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives

Shopping local doesn't have to mean shopping in-person. During challenging times, let consumers show their community pride while shopping online. Check with your local chamber of commerce and leverage social media and other online tools to encourage e-commerce.



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#### Tip #1

Make sure your website Secure Socket Layer (SSL Certificate) is installed and enabled. When a website has encryption installed with an SSL certificate, the URL address will show a lock icon next to the URL address. It's very important that your website visitors know their information is securely transmitted during any transaction between them and your website.

### Tip #2

Many online shoppers have become accustomed to free shipping on their online orders. If a small business wants to be competitive in the virtual shopping arena, they should consider including free shipping on orders exceeding a certain dollar amount.

#### Tip #3

Rename photos with abstract filenames, such as 100\_12345.jpg. Instead, use keyword-rich filenames that describe the images. For instance, if your website sells home accessory items like wood jewelry chests, change the product photo filenames to something descriptive like "wood\_jewelry\_chest.jpg." This can improve the SEO value of your photos.

