

# Setting Yourself Up as an Affiliate Marketer

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Many people approach affiliate marketing with the wrong viewpoint. Unfortunately they think that they can promote all kinds of products and easily make thousands of dollars per month. While top affiliate marketers do actually do this, it has taken them time and effort to achieve that top ranking status.

The minute you start promoting products you are gaining a reputation for yourself. If people purchase a product from you that they love, all is well. What happens if you recommend products that don't work, or are never delivered? Well, first the person you recommended this product to is not going to be happy. Secondly they will not trust your future recommendations, they will simply not purchase from your links anymore.

One of the first things you want to do is take the time to think about what type of products you want to promote as an affiliate. Do you have an interest in something particular? You may be a mountain bike enthusiast or a gardener.

Promoting products that you are knowledgeable about will benefit you in the long run. Mainly because you are most likely using these products yourself and can add your likes and dislikes about the item. As well you will enjoy writing blog posts and reviews on this topic and this will make your posts lively and engaging to read.

A good way to attract people to you is for you to set up your own blog. This way you have a platform or launch pad for your affiliate marketing career. If you do decide to promote products around one particular niche this is a great way to start.

As you post to your blog on a regular basis you simply start talking about products and items that are helpful. This way you are not flat out saying 'hey buy this' or 'buy that' all the time. You are just adding suggestions to your post in a natural way. Quite often people won't even realize that you are trying to sell them a product. Which, of course, is the best way to do this type of marketing.

If you are just starting out with affiliate marketing try to select a certain topic or niche first. Then fill your blog with interesting and helpful tips on this topic interspersed with recommendations. Before you know it you will be making a regular income as an affiliate.