

Recently, there has been an increase in the number of companies buying gold from the public. These companies often run full page newspaper ads and set up in hotels. Although some of the following links lead to information that was written for consumers in San Diego County, the general information applies to all. Anyone contemplating selling gold is well-advised to educate themselves before entering into any transaction.

7 questions to ask gold buyers: <http://www.sandiegojewelrybuyers.com/knowledge/gold-a-silver/63-7-quick-questions-to-ask-your-gold-buyer.html>

Top 10 Consumer tips: <http://www.sandiegojewelrybuyers.com/knowledge/gold-a-silver/69-selling-gold-jewelry-top-10-consumer-tips.html>

Tips for Selling Gold: <http://www.bankrate.com/finance/personal-finance/old-jewelry-worth-its-weight-in-gold--1.aspx>

Anyone buying gold by weight must:

- use a suitable, legal-for-trade scale
- position the scale so that the seller can read the weight
- use the scale in a level position

Our inspectors have been testing these scales in Santa Barbara County and, in general, have found them to be legal and accurate. While we do not regulate the price of gold or how much you will be offered, we do regulate the type of scales that can be used and their accuracy. If you have any questions about any scale, its accuracy, or how it is being used, please call us at 681-5600 (SB) or 934-6200 (SM).