

You may be able to send flowers without knowing someone's address, but only if there is a delivery method they are comfortable with. Ask first, respect their answer, and choose another way to show you care if they do not want flowers delivered.

Ask before making plans

Someone may keep their address private for practical reasons or because it is a personal boundary. You do not need to know why. Asking repeatedly, or trying to uncover the address on your own, can turn a thoughtful offer into an unwelcome intrusion.

Say what you have in mind and make clear that declining is fine. For example, you could tell them you would like to send flowers and ask if there is a way they would feel at ease receiving them. They can suggest an option without sharing details they want to keep private.

Consider how the surprise might feel from their side. An unexpected bouquet can be enjoyable, but an unexpected delivery may cause discomfort, especially if the person has already chosen not to share personal information. It is better to check than to assume that a surprise will be welcome.

Arrange a handoff only with permission

If you know someone in common, you can ask that person to find out if passing flowers along would suit the recipient. They might agree to accept the bouquet and give it to the person, so you do not need their address. Check that both people are willing before ordering. This avoids leaving a friend responsible for flowers they never agreed to handle.

You might think of sending flowers to a workplace or another familiar place, but ask the recipient before choosing that route. A delivery in a shared space can attract attention, and they may want to keep personal matters separate from work or other settings. Also confirm that the location is able to receive and hold the flowers. Convenience alone is not a reason to send them there.

Choose another form of the same thought

If no delivery option feels right, you can still share the feeling behind the gift. Send a message saying what kind of flowers you had hoped to give. That can be a warm gesture without asking the person to provide an address or respond in a particular way.

You could offer to bring a small bouquet the next time you meet, if getting together is already planned. Another option is to ask if they would like to pick out flowers for themselves. They might prefer choosing their own, or they might not want flowers. Following their preference is more likely to make the gesture feel welcome than insisting on your first idea.

Common questions

Can flowers be delivered without an address?

A delivery needs a destination. You can ask a florist about possible arrangements, but do not assume they can find the person or get private information on your behalf.

Is it all right to ask a mutual friend for the address?

Ask the friend to check with the recipient instead of requesting the address. Passing along someone's address without permission would get around the boundary they have set.

Could I have flowers sent to their workplace?

Do this only after the recipient agrees and you know the workplace accepts deliveries. Flowers arriving in a public or shared area may not feel private to them.

How should I respond if they say no?

Take their answer as it is and do not ask them to explain. You can send a kind note instead, leaving them free to reply or not.

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