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Complete Anthropologie customer service contact information, including steps to reach out to representatives, hours of operation, customer support links and other ContactHelp.com. When we look at the abyss with Anthropologie. After years of threats, it finally happened: Anthropologie updated its return policy from July 9, 2018. Goodbye unlimited return window and hello to the 60 day round trip window. What does this policy shift mean for Anthropologie, and why are Anthro lovers upset by this change? It's complicated. The anthropologist is not alone in changing his return policy. In February, L. L. Bean revoked its unlimited warranty for goods due to the changing retail environment (here is the company's official statement of change); Nordstrom is now limiting revenue for some customers; Amazon has been accused of blacklisting customers who are returning too many... for companies facing consumers, these policies do not feel exactly consumer-friendly. What exactly is going on to make retailers feel suddenly stabbed? So many factors. Let's look at the bigger picture first. BIG PICTURE First, we are in an age of rapid transition in the world of clothing and accessories. There are old school vendors who design collections, send designs for production that takes several to several months, and then have items on their retail floors/websites for the season. Meanwhile, newer companies are reducing the timeline of this cycle. Zara for example may have an idea from design to store/website in about 4-6 weeks, less than 1/2 time of the traditional retail production cycle. Second, there are more clothing and accessories retailers than ever. It is an increasingly competitive market driven by ever lower input costs. Brands can now start out as online-only ideas, get into the world from the comfort of their laptops and wait to rent bricks and mortar stores until their concept is proven. Third, not only are there more deals than ever, it's also a race either at the bottom or at the top of the pricing structure. The vast majority of consumers offer clothes at lower and lower prices, most often refreshing the product we've ever seen. Meanwhile, the luxury end of the brand inflate prices seemingly for no reason, leading to the polarization of the retail field. Shops in the middle are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Increasing their price too alienates customers; Lowering their prices to meet low-end trades hurts profits and creates a plant to the bottom. The fashion world has created its own monster. In the early 1990s, driven by a decline in production and resource costs as the global supply chain focused, retailers realized they could make their clothes, shoes, jewelry, anything, cheaper than ever. Some marketing geniuses have come up with a great idea to make fashion a daily necessity and not a seasonal Clothing catalogs switched from being a half-year tradition to a quarterly design, and then a monthly tease. Within a short period of time the clothes went from being something you bought twice a year to once a season to something you could buy every week or every day if you like. Just as Atlas struggles to hold the world or the snake eats its tail, the retail world is now collapsing on itself. When clothing prices started to fall to make buying something new every week seem almost reasonable for consumers, shoppers celebrated by buying, buying, buying. But as science has shown us, what is initially a novel is fast becoming habitual and ultimately boring. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, driven by the U.S. strongest economy since World War II and a purchasing power not seen in generations, the fashion world thrived under the convenient discretionary spending of consumers flush with cash, opportunity and desire. A generation ago, on average, people bought about 250 pieces of clothing in adulthood. Today? The average adult buys 50 pieces of new clothes each year. However, like any strong market growth, at some point consolidation must occur. In the 1990s, the production of garments took place in the 1990s. Production and production have been moved to Canada, Mexico, China and the Philippines. At first, these cost savings were huge for retailers. With time, however, once most resources (farms or clothing-based poly manufacturers) and manufacturing (factories) were closed here in the U.S., this allowed foreign markets to start raising their prices. Until about 2009, foreign producers charged the same, if not more, than their former American counterparts. It ate into retailers' profits. Retailers, in turn, began looking for new and cheaper materials (hellooooo, rayon) to protect as many of their profit margins as they could. And so began our descent into the lousy quality of clothing, a paradigm that has become so normal to us that America has more than 14 million tons of clothing each year, more than double the rate of 20 years ago. Oops. We simply wear clothes for a year or less and then get rid of it knowing there will be a lot more to choose from. Sample pile of discarded clothing, mostly still in wearable condition, photo via Newsweek You would think that getting rid of clothes faster and faster would help the retailer's profits, but it actually hurts profits. Why? Because over time customers have become so frustrated with lousy product quality that they've either 1-started saving on more expensive, better-quality clothes, buying fewer items overall or 2 – reducing their purchases because they're so off and doing so because of the oversized already have. And so the growth cycle ends and retailers suffer. This is partly because of the slight downturn in the US economy (a contraction that has now ended and returned to growth), but more so because at the end of the day, people can only buy so many clothes. Consumers are tired. Each new generation brings a new zeitgeist and the clothes aren't as interesting to millennials as the experience is. In addition, while millennials are large generations comparable to the size of the Baby Boomer generation, generations after millennia are much smaller overall. As apparel and accessories retailers seem to inexplicably target customers in their teens and twenties, this shrinking market poses a real challenge for future growth. In view of the shrinking margins and profits, existing retailers are becoming more homogeneous, rather than coming up with new ideas or growth models that have served them well in previous contractions. They all become the same! Let's be honest, can we really distinguish J. Crew from Anthropologie from Nordstrom these days? Apart from small differences, these brands usually all look the same. And that's terrible. New brands and stores bring higher quality materials, unique insights and reach out to parts of the market (plus size, trinkets, motherhood, etc.) better than existing retailers. All of these factors are combined on a large scale to terrorize existing clothing and accessories retailers. SMALL PICTURE If it's a bigger picture, how does it all tie back to Anthropology and its new return policy? I'll sum it up. 1. Anthropology was once known for its high quality products with a unique point of view. 2. Highly stylized, class experience of customers in the field was one of the keys to the success of Anthropology. 3. In a period of high growth in 2006-2009, Anthropologie decided to turn around its strategy to continue to grow its customer base. 4. Anthropologie turned away from its vintage, hand-like, Victorian-inspired, city girl chic, classic pieces with twist combinations to become more 'hip' in the game to attract younger customers. 5. Anthropologie began to acquire its own design materials from lower quality production houses while increasing prices. 6. Increasingly, Anthropologie offerings have become trendy and homogeneous with other retailers, rather than unique and trend-defying. The average price of a product rose by more than \$10 between 2012 and 2017. 7. Quality has become a real problem for Anthropologie. It is becoming increasingly common to find size irregularities, buttons are not sewn on well, garments are not assembled properly, and other quality issues. 8. Customer experience slipped significantly on Anthropology. 9. Returns go way up. 10. The anthropologist changes his return policy, citing greater market forces. (Uh-huh. ☹️) Essence the greater market forces of cheap quality, homogeneity and one-off fast fashion have collided with anthropologie fashion companies, quality problems and declining customer service. Like an asteroid smashing into the planet, a huge chunk of what makes Anthropologie so special has been taken away: its unlimited product warranty, aka its once-generous return policy. Is 60 days a long enough return window? I don't believe it is, especially given how far ahead of the weather traditional clothing and footwear retailing tends to be. Ninety days seems preferable.

----- THE UNLIMITED PROCEEDS OR UNCONDITIONAL WARRANTY MATTER 1. This inspires customer confidence in the product. 2. Consumers are more likely to take a positive view and recommend retailers who are unconditionally behind the products. 3. Customer satisfaction is higher. ----- role of social media and customer In a vacuum there is no change. Hard as Anthropologie's new return policy is to digest, they don't deserve all the blame for the change. Here's another piece of how retailers got into the cucumber. In 2009 I helped my friend who worked as a costume designer on a well-known TV show. One of her favorite resource stores from was Anthropologie, of course. I was very surprised when we headed for the cash wrap, the manager logged everything we were with, and then my friend paid exactly \$0 for more than \$5,000 worth of the product. She explained to me later that some shows or networks, like some actors or actresses, would often lend items for one-time use, and then return borrowed items, brands still plugged back into stores for sale after a few days or a few weeks. Exposure, she explained, could help items sell out altogether. It sounds so naive now, but at the time it was mind-blowing on me. I really had no idea that famous people were often gifted clothes or other items for free in the hope that They'd wear and cause the item to become more popular. I had no idea that fashion magazines, bloggers and such would borrow clothes and then return it after events. Now practice is so commonplace, but something strange has happened. While once only a very small fraction of famous (or 'famous') people wore brand new clothes every day, the now arrival of Instagram, Snapchat and the like has made the practice commonplace. That's why I take such long breaks from my Instagram account - I don't see the need to buy new clothes every day. However, I still probably buy a lot more than the average person. Long breaks are the best way I've found so far to balance it. The prevailing theory in social fashionable, it seems that you need to show something new every day. Remixing items in rare cases is acceptable, but it is expected that each season your wardrobe will receive a full renewal. Even though my personal wealth allowed this kind of maximalism of spending, at some point it just feels ridiculous. No one needs to have that much! I can't think of a single reason why you should own a new outfit for every day of the year. Even Princess Kate recycles clothes! Wear it, then go back I'm sure most consumers realize it too, but the way to show off a pretty new outfit for every occasion is strong. And so the growing practice among consumers is to buy something, wear it once with the signs on, and then return it. This practice happens in all walks of life, from the extremely rich to barely scraping. I'm not going to argue ethics do it here, but suffice it to say that retailers have become wise to practice and fight it by limiting their return policy. From this angle, Anthropology changes a kind of sense. No retailer wants to be responsible for selling finely used clothes as new. Is it kind of hypocritical to continue lending clothes to actresses or bloggers while the consumer has to pay? Completely. I don't even conclude the sentence to reconcile hypocrisy! All I can say is that we have a huge storm that is one part lousy quality, one part poor customer service/experience, one part ethically dubious consumers, one part saturated consumers and it all adds up to the death of unconditional warranties. Quality Matters On the other hand, I had a Céline Nano wallet for about 5 years. One side of the strap has worn out over the years. All I had to do was take the bag to the Céline store in Manhattan and send it for repair, gratis. Charge. Not because I'm an influencer or anything like that. (I'm sure he had no idea I was blog.) Because Céline wants their products to look good in the world to inspire a desire to buy among other things. And so her customers feel proud to wear their pieces. I - I love that Nano so much! It's still a favorite bag of my years after buying with a curve bonus. This is a factor Anthropology completely lost the plot on. Some of my oldest pieces of Anthropologie still inspire this pride and happiness in me. My iron flower sheath? You know I love it! But it's hard for me to think of an item after 2013 or 2014 that inspires this kind of love and devotion. The anthropologist really lost his magic. They are no longer curve-friendly items. Most of their dresses are too small in bust now and lack the overall adaptability that makes them generally flattering. Their peaks are often too short. There's generally wayyyy too many products and there's nowhere near enough clothing. Their clothes are too trendy and There. Seasonal collections lack cohesion, color palette or unifying element. Prices are trending upwards, while quality has fallen into the abyss. Anthropology is trying to be too many too many different types of customers. I don't think I spent \$1,000 on Anthropology last year – I spent over \$10,000 a year there! I've probably barely cleared \$500 there between price adjustments, returns and meh. I went to BHLDN to look at my wedding dress and was very disappointed by the lack of bust-friendly options. (Feed for another place.) All this adds to me generally feeling ambivalent about Anthropology these days. I was trying to hold on. I waited about 2 or 3 years to see if it would turn around! And now? I'm still looking because I like to discuss trade here, but I'm hard to buy. So go ahead, Anthro, change your return policy. It's one more nail in the coffin for me. 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