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Nowadays, Social Networking is being largely used as a marketing tool. The influence of such networks is increasing with time. The impacts of this marketing tool on the sales in departmental stores are being studied in different research contexts. The objective of the current research is to analyze the positive impact of social networks on departmental sales.

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