CONSUMER TIPS FOR **BUYING A VEHICLE**

Buying a vehicle is a big investment.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) is committed to helping consumers understand their rights and responsibilities as buyers.

WHEN BUYING **A CAR**

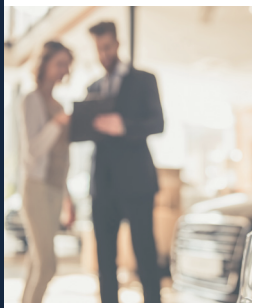
RESEARCH THE VEHICLE

Read vehicle history through the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System and check for recalls on the vehicle at *nhtsa.gov/recalls*.

TEST DRIVE THE VEHICLE.

RESEARCH TAG & TITLE FEES

Fees related to motor vehicle tags are listed at *flhsmv.gov/fees*.



BUYING FROM A **LICENSED DEALER**

CHECK THAT THE DEALER IS LICENSED BY FLHSMV

Visit *flhsmv.gov* for an up-to-date list.

READ THE BUYERS GUIDE POSTED ON THE VEHICLE WINDOW.

Review the title, odometer statement and any warranties. This should also be reflected in the contract.

READ ALL DOCUMENTS THOROUGHLY BEFORE SIGNING THE CONTRACT.

There is no three-day cooling off period in Florida. Keep copies of all signed documents.

BUYING FROM A **PRIVATE SELLER**

AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF ODOMETER FRAUD.

Check the odometer mileage on the vehicle title and look for wear and tear around the brake, gas pedal and seat that is not indicative of the mileage.

TEST DRIVE AND BE SURE TO INSPECT THE VEHICLE BEFORE PURCHASING

Look at the vehicle in person before buying. Ask to have a licensed mechanic look at the vehicle.

FINALIZE THE TRANSACTION AT A MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE CENTER

Ensure all of the necessary paperwork is completed and the title and registration are properly transferred. Find your nearest motor vehicle service center at *flhsmv.gov/locations*.

For more information about buying a vehicle visit:
flhsmv.gov/buying

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CONSUMER TIPS FOR **SELLING A VEHICLE**

Selling a vehicle can be beneficial for both the buyer and seller.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) encourages consumers to safely complete the sales transaction to protect both parties.

WHEN SELLING **A VEHICLE**

REMOVE THE LICENSE PLATE FROM THE VEHICLE

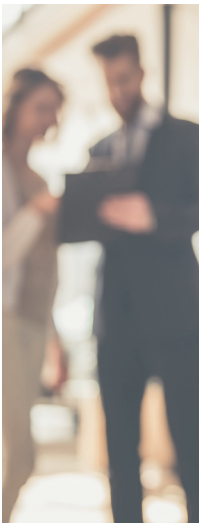
The license plate belongs to the individual, not the vehicle and can be transferred to another vehicle.

CHECK FOR OUTSTANDING RECALLS

Ensure the safety of the vehicle by visiting *nhtsa.gov/recalls*.

COMPLETE PAPERWORK FOR TITLING OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES

If the vehicle was not titled previously in Florida, the seller must complete a Vehicle Identification Number and Odometer Verification.



PRIVATE SALES

ACCURATELY RECORD THE ODOMETER READING

The odometer reading should be reflected on the title at the time of sale.

COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FORMS

File a Notice of Sale (form HSMV 82050) available at *flhsmv.gov/forms*. This will remove the seller's registration from the vehicle to help avoid any civil liability after the sale.

VEHICLE TRADE-IN

CONSUMERS CAN TRADE IN A VEHICLE WITH AN EXISTING LIEN AT A DEALERSHIP

The dealer will have **10 days** to satisfy the lien prior to selling it to another customer. Check with the lienholder to ensure outstanding liens are satisfied.

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