

# Consumer Tips for



**Selling a vehicle in a private sale can be beneficial for both the buyer and seller.**

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) encourages consumers to complete the sales transaction in a motor vehicle service center. This protects both parties by ensuring that the ownership documents are authentic and that the title has been properly transferred.

## **Private Sales:**

- **Ensure the safety of the vehicle before listing the sale by checking for recalls, including tire recalls,** at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).
- Remember to remove the license plate from the vehicle. The **license plate stays with the seller not the vehicle.**
- If the license plate has been transferred to a new vehicle, the seller will need a demonstration tag to allow potential buyers to test drive the vehicle being sold. A demonstration tag can be applied for at a motor vehicle service center at [www.flhsmv.gov/locations](http://www.flhsmv.gov/locations).
- **Accurately record the odometer reading on the title** at the time of the sale.
- **Ensure that the title is properly transferred** by completing the sales transaction in a motor vehicle service center at [www.flhsmv.gov/locations](http://www.flhsmv.gov/locations).
- Surrender the license plate to a motor vehicle service center if moving to another state or canceling insurance on the vehicle associated with the plate at [www.flhsmv.gov/locations](http://www.flhsmv.gov/locations).
- **File a Notice of Sale** (form HSMV 82050), available at [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov). Filing this form at a motor vehicle service center will remove the seller's registration from the vehicle and help the seller avoid any civil liability for the vehicle after the sale. For locations, visit [www.flhsmv.gov/locations](http://www.flhsmv.gov/locations).

For more information, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).