Maybe you think you’ve found a “good deal” advertised on Craig’s List, E-bay, in the classified, or on the street, but beware of offers that seem too good to be true. If the seller doesn’t have a title in his name to assign to you, you’re in for a real headache!

- You may not be able to title and register the vehicle.
- The vehicle may be towed away by a repo agent if there was an unpaid lien.
- Law enforcement may take the vehicle if it was reported as stolen by the titled owner.
- The vehicle may carry a brand such as “Rebuilt Salvage” and be worth thousands less.

**PROTECT YOURSELF! DON’T GET BURNED!**

Require the seller to provide the title to the vehicle. And then:

- Check to see that the seller is the owner shown on the title or is his legally appointed agent, e.g., by power of attorney. **Note:** no one else can legally sell the vehicle unless he has a dealer’s license. This applies to all vehicles including “parts only” vehicles.
- Be sure the seller has signed off the title and has listed ALL sale information including the actual selling price. **Note:** It is a felony to enter a false selling price on a title or bill of sale (section 49-518, Idaho code.)
- Don’t plan on getting a “lost title” if the seller doesn’t provide you with one. Only the titled owner or lienholder can obtain a duplicate.

**DON’T BUY IT WITHOUT A TITLE!**

For more vehicle titling information, visit dmv.idaho.gov