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forget these
important
tips!

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Get a National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) vehicle history report before you buy. Protect yourself from internet sales and individuals selling vehicles without telling you it has been salvaged, flood damaged or junk. Vehicles with these brands can be worth much less than their listed sales price and worse can yet, can be unsafe. Get this report at dmv.idaho.gov

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After acquiring a vehicle, you must apply for title within 30 days. You must title in your name before reselling.

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File a release of liability form to protect yourself after the sale. The form is attached to the bottom of the title or available at dmv.idaho.gov

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Keep your license plates when selling your vehicle (see exceptions below). The plates belong to you and you may transfer them to another vehicle. (Exceptions include vehicles such as ATVs or UTVs with black on white "restricted plates.")

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The bill of sale or properly assigned and dated title may be used as a 72-hour permit prior to registering the vehicle at your county Assessor's DMV office (excluding weekends and holidays).

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Check for vehicle recalls at dmv.idaho.gov and schedule any necessary repairs. Check before buying any used vehicle.



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Vehicle Titles



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A guide for titling vehicles
and how to protect yourself
when buying or selling a vehicle.



What is Idaho's titling law?

Idaho law requires you to title a vehicle within 30 days after the purchase date. If you do not apply for a title within that time, you may be charged a penalty. A title demonstrates the legal ownership of a vehicle or boat.

What vehicles must be titled?

All vehicles operated or pulled on public highways must be titled. This includes cars, trucks, motorcycles, travel trailers, transport trailers and boat or utility trailers that have an unladen weight of 2,000 pounds or more along with:

- Slide-in truck campers.
- *All-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, off-road motorcycles and snowmobiles with engines 50cc or larger.*
- Manufactured homes that have not been formally declared real property.
- Most boats manufactured after 2000 with a permanently attached mode of propulsion such as inboard/outboard motors, personal water crafts and sailboats and outboard motorboats over 12 feet in length. Similar vessels manufactured or acquired prior to 2000 must be titled if they are being financed.

If I buy a car, what do I need to do about the title?

- If you buy a vehicle from an Idaho-licensed dealer, the dealer will complete and process the title application.
- If you borrow money to buy a vehicle from a private party or out-of-state dealer, your lending institution may complete the application for title on your behalf.
- If you buy a vehicle from a private party or out-of-state dealer and do not finance it, you must apply for title at a local DMV office within 30 days to avoid a penalty. For a first time Idaho title, you must bring the vehicle to your county Assessor's DMV office for a vehicle identification number inspection.

Do not buy a vehicle without a title!

Require the seller to provide the title to the vehicle, and then make sure the seller:

- ***Is the owner shown on the title or is the legally appointed agent shown on a power of attorney form provided to you.*** No one else can sell the vehicle unless he or she is a licensed car dealer conducting the sale at the place of business.

- ***Does the signed title list all sale information including the selling price and odometer reading?*** It is a felony to list a false selling price on a bill of sale or title. A county Assessor's DMV office and Idaho State Tax Commission can look up your vehicle's fair market value and compare it to the sale price.
- ***Do not plan on receiving a "lost title" later.*** Have it in your hand before you finish buying the vehicle to avoid problems later.

Without a title, you could be burned!

Without a properly signed title:

- You will not be able to register and title the vehicle in your name.
- The vehicle may be towed by a repossession agent if there is an unpaid lien.
- The vehicle may be reported as stolen and law enforcement may impound it.
- The vehicle may carry a "rebuilt salvage" title or other brand and be worth thousands less than what you paid for it.



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