



PROTECT YOUR DEALERSHIP FROM FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

We've received information regarding fraudulent activity in Indiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin and possibly Georgia and Kentucky.

If your dealership is located in an affected state, your business may be at risk. It is important to act now to protect your dealership and vehicle shoppers.

What you should know

- » VIN manipulation – VIN plates and VIN scan bars on vehicle doors are altered, creating “lien-free” titles.
- » Online sales – Vehicles are advertised online and sold to unsuspecting buyers or dealers.
- » Those affected – Innocent buyers may sell the vehicles to dealers, presenting the fraudulent lien-free titles. Dealers, believing the VIN plate of each vehicle matches the title, buy and resell the vehicles, perpetuating the cycle of victimization.

What your dealership can do

1. Verify a vehicle's VIN
 - » Scan the VIN on the vehicle door. Results will find no VIN for a vehicle involved in the fraud.
 - » Inspect the VIN on the engine for discrepancies.
2. Check vehicle history
 - » Run a Carfax report. Fraudulent VINs may lack vehicle history or origin details until an oil change or sale to a dealer.
3. Ask questions
 - » Question the seller about the vehicle's origin, previous ownership and reasons for selling.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES.