

# Consumer Tips for



## **Buying a vehicle is a big investment.**

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

### **Buying from a Licensed Dealer:**

- Research the vehicle before purchasing. If buying a used vehicle, **check the vehicle and tires for recalls** at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).
- Read the Buyers Guide posted on the vehicle window. Review the title, odometer statement and any warranties.
- Test drive the vehicle. **There is no Lemon Law for used vehicles.**
- 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:**

- Research the vehicle before purchasing. **Check the vehicle and tires for recalls** at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).
- Avoid becoming a victim of odometer fraud; **visit the FLHSMV Motor Vehicle Check** and verify the odometer reading at [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).
- Verify the seller's information on their driver license or ID card to ensure it matches the name on the title. If the title is paper, check for signs of tampering. If the title is electronic, verify ownership by visiting the **FLHSMV Motor Vehicle Check** at [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov).
- Have the vehicle checked by a mechanic of your choosing. **There is no Lemon Law for used vehicles.**
- Remember, the sales price does not include sales tax or tag and title fees. Expect to pay these fees to a motor vehicle service center when transferring ownership at [www.flhsmv.gov/locations](http://www.flhsmv.gov/locations).

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

