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CONSUMER PROTECTION

Ontario law protects your motor vehicle purchases



With summer in full swing, many Ontarians are looking to purchase a new boat and may be under the impression that their purchase is protected under the Motor Vehicle Dealers Act (MVDA). Boats along with pull trailers, farm tractors or farming machinery, construction machinery and snowmobiles are not covered under the MVDA. Ontario's comprehensive consumer protection program applies to the following motor vehicles purchased from Ontario-registered dealers: automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and motorized recreational vehicles (RVs). Make sure you do your research before you buy. Visit [BuyWithConfidence.ca](#) to learn more about Ontario's consumer protection.

INDUSTRY HEADLINES

Buyer Beware: Curbsiders pose as private sellers

Buying a vehicle is a big investment, and many times consumers think that buying from a private seller can save them money, but this is not always the case. Behind many private sale advertisements lurk curbsiders, who pose as private sellers and often sell damaged, misrepresented or even stolen vehicles. Protect yourself from curbsiders by following these three steps. First, ask the seller for a Used Vehicle Information Package (UVIP) – a private seller must provide one by law. Second, confirm the seller's identity through photo ID and proof of ownership – if they do not match, you might be dealing with a curbsider. Finally, have a trusted mechanic inspect the vehicle. Remember, vehicles purchased from private sellers are not protected under Ontario law – you are only protected when you purchase from Ontario-registered dealers.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Report a curbsider!



Curbsiders are dangerous and you need to be cautious when buying privately. If you think you have had dealings with a curbsider, call 1-888-NOCURBS (1-888-662-9727). [Click here](#) to learn how you can protect yourself from curbsiders.

EXTRAS:

Auto Talk

Safety Standards Certificate (SSC):

A SSC indicates that a vehicle met mandated safety requirements at the time the test was conducted. It is NOT a warranty.

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