Buying a Vehicle Privately:

Protect Yourself

You’re ONLY protected by OMVIC and consumer protection laws when you buy from a registered dealer!

OMVIC™
Ontario’s Vehicle Sales Regulator
If you buy privately:

1. Ask questions: how long was vehicle owned? Are there maintenance records? Why are they selling?
2. Ask seller for ID and compare it to vehicle ownership: they must match
3. Take thorough test drive – not just around block
4. Purchase and review vehicle history report (CarProof)
5. Carefully review Used Vehicle Information Package (UVIP) – seller must provide it (ensure all pages provided)
6. Ensure no liens on vehicle (info usually available on UVIP or CarProof)
7. Have vehicle inspected by trusted mechanic before purchase
8. Request a receipt that includes seller’s information and actual selling price

Learn more about protecting yourself: omvic.ca