

KNOW



BEFORE YOU BUY A USED CAR

▶ Curbstoning is when a dealer poses as a private seller to sell a car. By curbstoning, a dealer avoids complying with the same regulations dealers are upheld to.

▶ Used auto sales are regulated by the State of Illinois, and all dealers must obtain a license from the state to operate as a dealer. There are safeguards provided by state law which protect consumers.

STEPS TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF CURBSTONING:



Be cautious of cars with "For Sale" signs on them that are sitting on the road, abandon parking lots or even shopping mall parking lots.



When using traditional classified ads, be aware that this is also a place that curbstoners may advertise their cars for sale. Take note of the phone number listed in the ad you are looking at.



Before you buy any used vehicle, you should ask to see the title! The title should tell you whether or not the car has been salvaged or has sustained water damage.



The seller's name should match with the name on the title. Ask to see their driver's license to compare. If the names do not match, you should be asking why.



Get the car inspected by your own trusted mechanic before you buy it.

Call 3-1-1 To File A Consumer Fraud Complaint

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