



If you've recently decided to sell your vehicle, we've got good news: it's not that hard. The people most at-risk of being victimized in a private-party sale are always the buyers. As the seller of a vehicle, you literally hold all the keys.

You do have **some** responsibilities, though, and they are mostly to make sure that you have your paperwork in order for your buyer. Without certain documentation for the vehicle sale, it is *extremely unlikely* that you will find someone willing to purchase it from you.

### Things You Need to Sell a Vehicle in Nevada

- A properly formatted legal title for the vehicle to be signed over to the buyer.
- A photo ID to be matched against the title.
- The current odometer reading for any vehicle 2011 or newer.
- A [Bill of Sale \(VP-104\)](#) to be completed for your records.
- Retain your own license plates.
- Submit a Registration Cancellation and Vehicle Resale Notification through the [MyDMV portal](#).
- If you're selling a vehicle registered to a family trust, provide a [Trustee Appointment and Powers Affidavit \(VP 188\)](#) to the buyer.

### Titles

A title (sometimes referred to as "ownership documents") are the legal proof of ownership of your vehicle. This is different than your vehicle registration. Whoever has the title in their name owns the vehicle in the eyes of the law, regardless of who registered it or who is driving it. Your title should be in a secure location with your other important documents, like your social security card and birth certificate. Proving ownership without a vehicle title is very difficult, if not impossible.

The DMV advises prospective auto buyers not to purchase a vehicle with a missing title *for any reason*. Additionally, even if a title is present the seller must have the legal authority to sell the car at their sole discretion. Many vehicles are jointly owned, and those titles reflect *two* names. The language used on this title is important.

If the title's "owner" field says '[Person1] **AND** [Person2],' both owners must sign the title to sell the vehicle.

If the title's "owner" field says '[Person1] **OR** [Person2],' either owner has the right to sell the vehicle without the other's signature. This may be written or there may be a checkbox near the field where parties fill in their information.

### Odometer Disclosure

As of January 1, 2021, the National Highway Traffic Administration requires odometer disclosures every year until vehicles are 20 years old beginning with vehicles of the 2011 model year.



If your vehicle is from model year 2010 or earlier, you may check the exempt box on the title. If your vehicle was produced after model year 2010, you must enter the current mileage in the Odometer Reading section of the title upon sale of the vehicle.

### **Laws Relevant to Selling Vehicles in Nevada**

Selling vehicles in an empty lot is usually illegal. If you're selling your vehicle to someone you feel safe around, the DMV recommends completing a private party sale at a residence.

If you're selling more than three personally-owned vehicles in a year, congratulations! You have opened up a dealership and now need a [dealer's license](#).

Subleasing a vehicle isn't a thing – it's illegal. Any loans or liens on a vehicle must be satisfied before it can be sold.

Salvage vehicles must be rebuilt, inspected, and titled as a Rebuilt vehicle before being sold to a private party. Vehicles that have been issued orange-colored salvage titles may not be sold or registered in Nevada until they've been repaired and inspected.

### **Vehicle History Checks**

The DMV will not disclose owner information to third parties. You may, however, bring a vehicle and paperwork to the VIN Inspection Station at larger DMV offices for review. No appointment is necessary for these inspection services.

Use the Vehicle Identification Number to query the following services. There are also any number of commercial services available.

- **NMVTIS Title Information** - small fees apply
- **NICB VIN Check** for stolen and total loss vehicles - free
- **NHTSA VIN Decoder - free**
- **Safety Recall Lookup** from safecar.gov - free