

Buying a used car Take the risk out of it

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Bromley Trading Standards urge you to take your time and make thorough checks **before** buying a used car to reduce the risk of buying one that been damaged, illegally altered or stolen.

Guidance about checking a car's history including important online resources as well as other important advice about sellers, test drive, and paying is available at [Buying a used car - Citizens Advice](#):

- Confirm, and check the registration number and make/model at: [Get vehicle information from DVLA - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Check the MOT history at [Check the MOT history of a vehicle - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- We recommend getting an independent history check and consider an independent inspection
- Avoid paying any money until you are satisfied with the car, especially when buying online (including marketplaces, internet auctions and social media).

The AA, RAC, and Which? also provide further advice at [Buying a used car | AA \(theaa.com\)](#), [Buying a used car - the ultimate checklist | RAC Drive](#) & [How To Buy The Best Used Car - Which?](#)

**If you have *any* doubts, then step away.
It could save considerable money, stress, and inconvenience.**

REPORT - Protect others by reporting incidents.

< **Contact Citizens Advice for help and advice on 0808 223 1133.**

< Report scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

You can visit www.bromley.gov.uk/trading-standards