

**Ask Questions Before You Buy**

Good used cars are hard to find these days, but you're really better off asking some simple questions before you buy, advises Rod Birmingham, an investigator with Aetna Life & Casualty's arson-fraud unit.

That used car may look great, but a second look — and knowing what to look for — can mean the difference between having the car you want and having nothing but an empty wallet.

The car could have been stolen, Birmingham warns. Even if you don't know it's a stolen car, you can lose both the car, and the money you paid for it.

"Of course you can always sue the seller if you unknowingly purchased a stolen car," he adds, "but that's likely to be a lengthy and expensive process, and it certainly won't save you any money!"

"Auto theft is a big business these days. Whether it's chopping up stolen cars for body repair parts or placing a stolen car body on a chassis for which there is legitimate title, professional auto thieves are making money," Birmingham explains. "And the unwitting used car buyer, on the other hand, could lose money on what at first appears to be a real bargain."

So if you're in the market for a good used car or expect to be in the future, Birmingham offers these tips: Go to a reliable, established dealer when buying a used car. Be especially careful when buying a car from an individual without a specific address. Check to see whether the seller can be located should you need to reach him or her after the sale.

Check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which is usually embossed on a metal plate over the driver's dash section and visible from the outside of the bottom of the windshield, for signs of alteration or replacement. The VIN must match the VIN shown on the seller's certificate of title.

Inquire about past insurance and financing on the car, and then verify this information with the insurance agent, bank or finance company.

Look at the body paint on a new model. A fresh paint job may indicate cover-up work by thieves.

Check the license tag and inspection sticker to be certain that they are current and issued by the same state.

Ask for at least one set of the original manufacturer's keys rather than a replacement set. Be suspicious if the seller provides you with re-made keys for a late model car.

Review and complete all paperwork at the time of sale. Don't forget that certificate of titles frequently can be counterfeited. Check documents carefully for signs of possible alteration.

**Tornado Awareness Week, March 1-5**

Gov. Jim Hunt has proclaimed the week of March 1-5 as "Tornado Awareness Week" in North Carolina.

Hunt said, "Tornadoes can be killers and all North Carolinians should be aware of the weather signs that precede a tornado so they can take actions to protect themselves and their loved ones."

"I commend the National Weather Service, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the Department of Public Instruction for their cooperative efforts to educate the public to the dangers of tornadoes and tornado safety measures during this week."

"Tornado Awareness Week" is an annual effort of the Division of Emergency Management in Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service, the Department of

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