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## **DLCA CONSUMER TIPS**

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs is pleased to release the continuation of consumer friendly tips that should be taken into consideration when buying a used car. Often when consumers are purchasing a used vehicle they are not fully aware of their buyer's rights. The following tips will serve as a helpful tool for consumers to make wise purchase decisions and avoid the risk of purchasing a car that is defective.

Consumer tips for buying a used car:

- Learn what rights you have when buying a used car. Contact or visit the Consumer Protection Services Division (CPS) at DLCA and pick up a copy of the Lemon Law (Act #5919).
- Find out in advance what paperwork you will need to register a vehicle by contacting the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Research the vehicle's history. Ask the seller for details concerning past owners, use, and maintenance.
- Find out whether the car has ever been involved in an accident.
- Check the warranty. If a manufacturer's warranty is still in effect, contact the manufacturer to ensure coverage.

