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Buying a Used Car

Buying a used car can be an overwhelming and intimidating process. There are a large number of things to consider including paperwork, financing, budget and the hidden cost of buying a car and much more. While doing the research can be very time consuming, it will help to save you time and money in the long run.

- **DMV's Used Car Buyer's Guide:** an extremely extensive, detailed resource that offers information and links on everything from types of used cars to necessary paperwork.
 - ➔ <https://www.dmv.org/buy-sell/used-cars/>
 - Paperwork when buying a car
 - Used car buying scams
 - Dealer vs. private party purchases
 - Buying a car out of state
 - Buying a car online
 - Used car vehicle history report
 - Used car taxes and fees
 - Lemon Law
 - Types of used cars
 - Bill of sale
 - Buying a car "as is"
 - Used car buying mistakes
 - Avoiding flood damaged cars
 - Test driving a used car
 - Used car inspection
 - Used car checklist
 - Setting a budget and hidden costs of buying a car (see budgeting tab)
 - Auto loans and financing
- **Kelly Blue Book and Appraisal:** Most commonly used tool to determine the value of a car when buying or selling. <https://www.kbb.com/>
- **Finding Car Insurance**
 - The National Association of Insurance Commissioners provides a helpful list of questions to ask potential insurers about discounts. <https://www.naic.org/index.htm>
 - J.D. Power and Associates offers useful consumer reviews of different auto insurance companies. <https://www.jdpower.com/business/ratings/industry/insurance>

For additional questions, or suggested additions to this list, please call Bethany Hadvab, Sudbury town social worker, at 978-440-5476

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