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# Its Scary...

*there are so many scams and tricks*

# Be Wary

The police have asked Neighbourhood Watch to alert everyone to the latest tricks and scams which are being used to steal your car, your possessions and your money.



*Don't buy a dodgy motor. Scams can get round the ownership checks.*

- You read an advert or hear of a car that looks interesting. You go and see it, like it, and carefully don't buy until you have run the usual checks such as HPI, AA or RAC. The vendor seems OK, the checks are clear, so you fork out your hard-earned cash and collect the car.
- The car is fine, but a few weeks later it disappears. It turns out your vendor bought it with an ordinary loan from a finance company and declared it as security. When the vendor stopped paying the instalments, the finance company traced and recovered the car.
- There is no good way to avoid this scam unless you buy from a reputable dealer. Government have been asked to investigate what can be done.

For details of other scams, look at the Neighbourhood Watch section of [www.doddinghurst.org.uk](http://www.doddinghurst.org.uk)

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