The biggest threat to car buyers is curbsiders: illegal, unlicensed vehicle sellers who pose as private sellers or legitimate dealers to sell vehicles.

They often sell vehicles with hidden problems, such as previous accidents, tampered with odometers, or liens, and often do not disclose the full history of the car.

- Seller has multiple vehicles for sale.
- Vehicle is priced below market value.
- Vehicle is not registered in seller's name or has only been registered in their name for a short period.
- Seller discourages purchase of CarFax or used vehicle information package (UVIP)
- Seller refuses vehicle inspection by purchaser's mechanic.
- Seller doesn't want to provide a receipt or proof of purchase that includes their name or address.
- Curbsiders will not want to leave a paper trail so they will likely demand cash for payment.

The Curbsider Checklist



