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Vehicle Transfer Checklist

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Transfer a vehicle cleanly.

At Sale

Recorded VIN, odometer, and price

Both parties signed the bill of sale

Notarized if required

Title

Seller signed over the title

Removed license plates per state rule

Buyer took bill of sale + title to the DMV

After

Buyer registered and insured the vehicle

Seller notified the DMV of the sale

Both kept a copy

Notes

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