

# ABANDONED VEHICLES

## ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Vehicles abandoned on private property in Wyoming or towed by a towing company to a Wyoming location:

Vehicles are considered to be abandoned if left on Wyoming private property in excess of 30 consecutive days without the consent of the owner or person in lawful control of the property. Vehicles are also considered abandoned if left for repairs and not claimed 30 days after the date agreed upon by both parties.

### VEHICLES PURCHASED WITHOUT CLEAR TITLES AND VEHICLES LEFT WITH CONSENT CANNOT BE PROCESSED AS AN ABANDONED VEHICLE.

If the property owner or person in lawful control of the property wishes to obtain ownership rights to the abandoned vehicle, the legal owner of the vehicle must be identified. To identify the vehicle owner, the property owner or person in lawful control of the property must request a title and lien search from the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

## ABANDONED VEHICLE STEPS

1. Upon receipt of this request, owner or person in lawful control of the property shall give written notice of sale to the following:
  - Owner and any lien holder of record, if identified, by certified mail not less than 10 days preceding the date of sale.
  - Sheriff of the county in which vehicle is abandoned, not less than 10 days preceding the date of sale.
  - Publication once per week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where vehicle was abandoned.
2. Notification shall include:
  - A complete description of the make, year, model, license plate number and state indicator, and vehicle identification number of the vehicle.
  - Amount of money claimed for expenses incident to the removal, preservation, custody, storage (\$10 per day) and sale; and if the vehicle was left unattended at an establishment for service, repair or maintenance, the cost of the services.
  - Date, time and place of sale.
3. The vehicle may be sold by the owner or person in lawful control of the property at public auction to the highest bidder, or may be sold following an action filed pursuant to W.S. 31-13-112(e).

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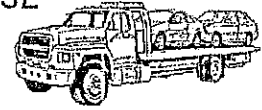
4. Upon receipt of satisfactory evidence from the seller of compliance and that the vehicle has been sold, the sheriff shall execute a certificate of sale in duplicate for the fee of \$7.50. The original certificate of sale shall be delivered to the purchaser and the copy shall be retained by the sheriff. Satisfactory evidence of compliance requires the following.
  - A completed copy of this request.
  - Copies of the notice of sale.
  - Proof of mailing and publication required.
5. No person shall sell a vehicle if a written court order prohibiting the sale is served on the proposed seller. The court order shall be served on the person selling the vehicle prior to the sale and shall not be issued except for good cause.

### NOTES

1. At any time prior to a sale, the owner or lien holder of record may reclaim the vehicle upon payment of expenses incident to removal, preservation, custody, storage and sale; and if a vehicle was left unattended at an establishment for service, repair or maintenance, upon payment of the cost of services.
2. The owner or lien holder is entitled to recover from the person selling the vehicle any proceeds of the sale in excess of the costs of the sale and monies owed for related expenses, if any, provided an action is filed in the proper court for recovery within 120 days of the sale.
3. Procedures may vary within each county, please contact the appropriate county sheriff for verification.

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**APPLICATION FOR ABANDONED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION REQUEST OR  
VEHICLE RECORD AND PRIVACY DISCLOSURE RELEASE**



STEP #1	<b>APPLICANT AND VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>			
	Applicant Name		Daytime Phone # (   )   -	Email Address
	Mailing Address		City	State      ZIP
	Vehicle Make	Year	VIN	
	Model	Body Style	Color	
	License Plate No. w/Exp. Date (If Applicable)	State License Plate is from (If Applicable)	Title # (If Applicable)	
Owner Name (If Applicable)				
STEP #2	<b>TYPE OF APPLICATION-IF UNSURE PLEASE CALL YOUR COUNTY CLERK AND DESCRIBE YOUR SITUATION</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BONDED</b> - You bought a vehicle and are unable to obtain a title- <b>PROCEED TO STEPS 4, 5 AND 6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STORAGE/MECHANIC LIEN SALE</b> - You have a verbal or written agreement with a vehicle owner resulting in an unpaid bill- <b>PROCEED TO STEPS 4, 5 AND 6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ABANDONED-IN WYOMING ONLY!</b> - The vehicle was left unattended on private property <b>IN WYOMING</b> , without the express consent of the owner for at least 30 days. <b>COMPLETE STEP 3 THEN PROCEED TO STEPS 5 AND 6</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER</b> Please check the appropriate box in Step #4 on the back of this form <b>THEN PROCEED TO STEPS 5 AND 6</b>			
STEP #3	<b>WYOMING ABANDONED VEHICLE INFORMATION</b> (Complete only if you have checked "Abandoned", above)			
	Address where the vehicle was abandoned		City	State      ZIP
	Describe how the vehicle came into your possession		Date vehicle was abandoned or towed	
	<b>IF VEHICLE WAS MOVED TO ANOTHER LOCATION, PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW</b>			
	Name of Person who removed the vehicle		Date of Removal	Time of Removal
	Mailing Address where vehicle is currently located		City	State      ZIP
<p>*The above described vehicle has been abandoned on my private property or towed by my company and left in excess of 30 consecutive days. I understand Wyoming statute 31-13-109 can only be used when a vehicle is abandoned without the consent of the owner or person in lawful control of the property for 30 days after the date agreed upon by both parties. <b>I understand vehicles purchased without clear title and vehicles left with consent cannot be processed as abandoned</b>, as there is no provision for expiration of consent. I understand the department is vested only with the responsibility of making reasonable efforts to identify the vehicle's owner and any lien holder of record and forward the information obtained.</p>				
Was the vehicle tagged by law enforcement? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

**REASON FOR REQUEST** (Complete if you have checked any purpose other than "Abandoned")

STEP #4

- Government agency, court or law enforcement agency in carrying out its normal functions.
- BONDED TITLE or**-Private person or entity acting on behalf of a government agency in carrying out its normal functions.
- For use in matters of driver/vehicle safety, theft, emissions, product alterations, recalls, or advisories, performance monitoring of motor vehicles, parts and dealers, market research activity, survey research and removal of non-owner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers.
- STORAGE/MECHANIC LIEN SALE or**-Normal course of business by a legitimate business or its agents, employees or contractors but only to verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to the business or its agents, employees or contractors; and if such information as so submitted is not corrected or is no longer correct, to obtain the correct information but only for purposes of preventing fraud by, pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt or security interest against the individual.
- Use in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceedings in any court or government agency or before any self-regulatory body, including the service of process, investigation in anticipation of litigation, and the execution or enforcement of judgments and orders, or pursuant to an order of any court.
- Use in research activities and for use in producing statistical reports, so long as the personal information is not published, re-disclosed, or used to contact individuals.
- Use in providing notice to the owners of towed impounded vehicles.
- Use by a licensed private investigative agency or licensed security for any purpose permitted under this section. (Must present or enclose photocopy of state issued investigative license and must specify use.)
- Use by employers or its agent/insurer to obtain/verify information required under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license.
- Use in connection with the operating of private toll transportation facilities.
- Bulk distribution for surveys, marketing, or solicitations if the Department has obtained the express consent of the person to whom such personal information pertains.
- Any other use specifically authorized by law that is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or public safety. Must specify use \_\_\_\_\_

To receive Wyoming motor vehicle records, the requestor must properly complete this form indicating the business need for information requested. Resale or disclosure of any information received as a result of this release is prohibited.

I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that all information on this application is true and correct. I will not resell or disclose information obtained pursuant to this release to any third party clients.

STEP #5

- THE REQUEST WILL NOT BE PROCESSED IF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED:**
- ✓ The completed search request form
  - ✓ A copy of a VIN inspection on the vehicle by law enforcement (if the vehicle is in your possession) **\*\*Do not send the original inspection—it will not be returned\*\***
  - ✓ A copy of a government-issued photo ID for the signer of the request
  - ✓ A \$5.00 search fee, payable to WYDOT
  - ✓ **IF YOU ARE ATTEMPTING TO TITLE OR REGISTER A VEHICLE IN A STATE OTHER THAN WYOMING**, documentation from your state's DMV that a Wyoming record search is required as a part of the title/registration process

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

STEP #6

**APPLICANT SHALL MAIL THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND \$5.00 FEE TO:**  
 WYDOT, ATTN: Motor Vehicle Services, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-3340  
**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 307-777-4883 or 307-777-4710 or 307-777-4709**  
 or visit our website at <http://www.dot.state.wy.us>

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Completed By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_