

Fight Odometer Fraud

(NAPSA)—For a crime that has so much mileage on it, odometer fraud not only still occurs, it's growing. Recent research by Carfax shows there are still over 200,000 new cases of odometer fraud every year and that the problem has grown nearly 50 percent in just the last three years—but it doesn't have to happen to you.

Here's a look at three facts and tips that can help protect you.

1. What's happening: Criminals are using software now to change digital odometers electronically and artificially inflating the car's value. Fewer miles equals more money.



To get a used car that can go the distance for you, make sure its odometer has not been rolled back.

2. Where it happens: You can find a rolled-back vehicle practically anywhere but the risk is highest in California, Idaho, Nevada, Massachusetts and New York.

3. What you can do: Take the car to your mechanic to verify its condition. Their trained eye will notice whether certain parts or components show advanced signs of wear that don't match what the odometer says. Also, get more tips and information, plus a free way to check a VIN for odometer fraud, at carfax.com/guides.