### How Do I Determine if a Business is Registered to Report to NMVTIS?

NMVTIS allows the public to check whether a business is registered to report to NMVTIS and the date of the registered business' last report. The public search can be found at: http:// www.vehiclehistory.gov/nmvtis/nmvtis\_who\_ report.aspx.



# Are There Penalties for a Business that Does Not Report as Required?

Yes. Failure to report to NMVTIS as required is punishable by a federal civil penalty of \$1,000 per violation. State civil or criminal penalties may also apply. Accordingly, for example, a failure to report 100 junk or salvage automobiles could result in a civil penalty of up to \$100,000. If you wish to notify DOJ of an entity that is not currently reporting, please email nmvtis@usdoj.gov.

### How Do I Report NMVTIS Federal Violations?

Potential nonreporting violations should be submitted to the NMVTIS Enforcement Program Office either by email or through the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT). When possible, please submit the police report and any supporting documents along with the Law Enforcement NMVTIS Violation Report form. This form is available and can be submitted on the NMVTIS LEAT website.

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# Tips to Identify and Investigate NMVTIS Violations

- When checking for state and local business licenses, also confirm if the business has a federal NMVTIS reporting ID number.
- Record VINs of all junk and salvage automobiles on the lot. Where appropriate, obtain copies of VIN inventory records for nonreporting referral to DOJ.
- Photograph vehicles suspected of not being reported to NMVTIS.
- Check VINs through NMVTIS to identify fraudulently titled vehicles.

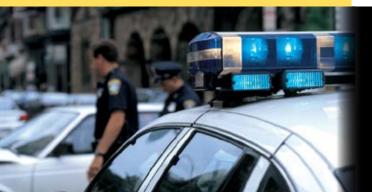
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### What is NMVTIS?

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) was established under the Anti CarTheft Act of 1992 and was reauthorized under the Anti CarTheft Improvements Act of 1996. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for the oversight of the NMVTIS program. The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) operates NMVTS on behalf of DOJ.

NMVTIS is intended to protect consumers from fraud and unsafe vehicles. It is also a tool designed to assist states and law enforcement in deterring and preventing vehicle-related crimes. The system captures specific pieces of vehicle information from state motor vehicle titling agencies, automobile recyclers, junk and salvage yards, insurance carriers, and third party data sources into one system.

# What Type of Business Qualifies as a NMVTIS Reporting Entity?

Per NMVTIS regulations, all entities, including junk yards and salvage yards handling five or more junk or salvage automobiles per year shall provide NMVTIS with specific information on each junk or salvage automobile obtained in whole or in part in the prior month. The list of industries that are specifically identified in the regulatory definitions of "junk yard" and "salvage yard" is not an exhaustive list. If an individual or entity is engaged in the business of acquiring or owning junk or salvage automobiles for resale in their entirety or as spare parts; or rebuilding, restoration, or crushing **AND** handles five or more junk or salvage automobiles per year, THEN that individual or entity has a NMVTIS reporting obligation.

#### How Does a NMVTIS Reporting Entity Report the Required Information?

An alphabetized list of NMVTIS data consolidators (reporting services) can be found at www.vehiclehistory.gov/nmvtis\_auto.html. NMVTIS data consolidators assign NMVTIS ID numbers and collect the required NMVTIS information.

#### How Can Law Enforcement Access NMVTIS Data?

The NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT) provides law enforcement with the information necessary to investigate crimes associated with motor vehicles,



including vehicle theft, fraud, and smuggling. In addition to vehicle information provided by state titling agencies and junk, salvage, and insurance entities, vehicle information from additional data sources is also provided. Law enforcement access to NMVTIS data is available at no cost to law enforcement through the **Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS)** and **Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP)** hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If you are a sworn law enforcement officer, or other approved agent and would like to obtain instructions for accessing NMVTIS data, please email **nmvtis@usdoj.gov**.

### How Do I Obtain a RISS Account?

To obtain a Regional Informational Sharing Systems (RISS) Access Account, please contact the RISS Center serving your jurisdiction. A list of the RISS Centers, their informational email, and telephone number are listed below. To see which RISS Center serves your state please go to https://www.riss.net/Default/Overview. If emailing the center, please include whether you are a sworn law enforcement officer, a support staff member for a law enforcement agency, or employed with a criminal justice or public safety agency and that you are specifically writing to obtain a RISS Access Account.

# **RISS Centers**

MAGLOCLEN Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network® (800) 345-1322 | Info@magloclen.riss.net

**MOCIC** Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center® (800) 846-6242 | Info@mocic.riss.net

**NESPIN** New England State Police Information Network® (800) 343-5682 | Info@nespin.riss.net

**RMIN** Rocky Mountain Information Network® (800) 821-0640 | Info@rmin.riss.net

**ROCIC** Regional Organized Crime Information Center® (800) 238-7985 | Info@rocic.riss.net

WSIN Western States Information Network® (800) 952-5258 | Info@wsin.riss.net

# **How Do I Obtain a LEEP Account?**

If you work for a law enforcement, criminal justice, or public safety agency, you can join LEEP by applying online at https://www.cjis.gov/onlineapp/index.xhtml or calling the FBI Support Center at (888) 334-4536.

# How Can a Consumer Obtain a NMVTIS Vehicle History Report?

Consumers can search NMVTIS to find important vehicle condition and history information by selecting and contacting an Approved NMVTIS Data Provider at: http:// www.vehiclehistory.gov/nmvtis\_vehiclehistory.html.

