



## Facebook Scams – Buyer Beware!

### Nunavut

It has been reported to Nunavut RCMP that “sellers” on Facebook are posing as a dealership to sell snowmobiles and ATV’s, using fake names and addresses to appear legitimate. Nunavut RCMP is urging people not to send money to anyone selling an item over Facebook without meeting the person first or confirming that the seller is legitimate.

The following suggestions can be utilized to protect yourself:

- Request that the seller send you a video of the machine running which includes the serial number (VIN) of the vehicle. You can then enter the VIN into the CARFAX CANADA website and will be provided a vehicle history report. (there is a fee to utilize this site)
- Check the address on the invoice and ensure it is attached to a physical dealership. Look up the number for the dealership on line, phone them directly and confirm the details.
- If possible, send someone you trust to go and check the vehicle in person.
- Card issuers and payment processes such as PayPal will investigate fraud claims on your behalf as a buyer and provide better transaction security. A reputable company will welcome the use of secure services.
- Do not allow anyone to pressure you to buy or send money without doing all the background checks.

If in doubt, walk away from the transaction and do not send money. Report any fraudulent activity to your local RCMP Detachment and make a report to the Canadian Anti-fraud Center at 1-888-495-8501 or on-line.

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