

## The Drivers Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) and the Privacy of Your State Motor Vehicle Record

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Colorado State law and the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) states that the Department shall not disclose or otherwise make available to any person or entity personal information about any individual obtained by the Department in connection with a motor vehicle. The Drivers Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) prohibits the release or use by any State DMV (or any officer, employee, or contractor thereof) of personal information about an individual obtained by the department in connection with a motor vehicle record. It sets penalties for violations and makes violators liable on a civil action to the individual to whom the released information pertains.

Title/Registration Information Request (Motor Vehicle Record Search) C.R.S §24-72-204(7). All motor vehicle records are confidential and anyone requesting motor vehicle or driver's information must submit a **DR 2489A Motor Vehicle Record Request**. All Information requests must be completed by the State Motor Vehicle Department by mail or walk-in:

### USPS or Regular or Express Mail

State of Colorado  
Department of Revenue  
PO Box 173350, Room 146  
Denver, CO 80217-3350

### FED-EX or UPS

State of Colorado  
Department of Revenue  
PO Box 173350, Room 146  
Denver, CO 80217-3350

### Walk-In Requests Only

Department of Revenue  
Vehicle Services Unit  
1881 Pierce Street  
Lakewood, CO 80214

For a person to purchase a record other than their own, they must declare their intended use of that record, or must have a signature of the person of interest authorizing them to inspect the record. Record searches are available for vehicles based on VIN, title number or license plate by the Department. If there is a record in the motor vehicle system, the search will provide the vehicle description, the lien information (if there is a lien on the vehicle), and the name and mailing address of the owner will be provided, when appropriate.

The DPPA, like many other privacy statutes, provides a federal baseline of protections for individuals. The Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 (DPPA or the Act)<sup>1</sup> was enacted as part of a series of crime prevention measures.

**Q:** Can I call the County Clerk's Office to get information from my Motor Vehicle Record?

**A:** No, the Prowers County Clerk and Recorder's Office will not disclose or otherwise make available to **any person** or **entity** personal information about any individual obtained by the Department in connection with a motor vehicle/record in the computer system. If you do not have your vehicle information you can contact State Motor Vehicles Department, via request on the **DR 2489A form** or the owner (only) can walk-in to the County Clerk's Office and request a Duplicate Registration, if need be for a \$4.00 fee.

Please contact the State Title and Registration Section with any questions at 303-205-5608.