



VICTORIA POLICE

## Disposal of undefined vehicles prohibited

From 31 May 2018, changes to the Second Hand dealers and Pawnbrokers Act mean that anyone who deals in scrap metal (i.e. motor vehicles) should not accept a motor vehicle that has been unidentified.

### Section 19B - Prohibition on buying, disposing of or possessing unidentified motor vehicles

(1) A second-hand dealer must not buy scrap metal that consists of a motor vehicle if the vehicle identifier has been removed, obliterated, defaced or altered.

(2) A second-hand dealer must not sell or otherwise dispose of scrap metal that consists of a motor vehicle if the vehicle identifier has been removed, obliterated, defaced or altered **unless authorised to do so by a police officer in writing.**

(3) A second-hand dealer must not possess scrap metal that consists of a motor vehicle if the vehicle identifier has been removed, obliterated, defaced or altered **unless authorised to do so by a police officer in writing.**

Visit [www.consumer.vic.gov.au/scrapmetal](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/scrapmetal) for more information.

## Required Action Unidentified Vehicles

**If a vehicle has been de-identified, a police member must be contacted and attempt to establish the identity of the vehicle.**

This allows police to check whether the vehicle is suspected of being stolen before **advising the SHD in writing that they can possess the vehicle.**

Note that if you have SHDs or a MCT Licence you can receive or collect vehicles with a removed or obliterated VIN (for example, rusted-out farm vehicles or vehicles badly damaged by fire) but **MUST NOT** not pay money for the vehicle and must seek permission from a police member in writing before disposing of the vehicle.