

The WSP does not inspect unauthorized or abandoned vehicles for ownership in doubt per RCW 46.12.680

## **Can I Sell a Vehicle That's Been Left Abandoned on My Property?**

No. By law, you cannot sell a vehicle that has been left on your property. Your best option is to have a registered tow company remove the vehicle. See [Abandoned Vehicles](#). Once it is removed by the tow company and held in their possession for 120 hours (5 days), the vehicle becomes classified as "Abandoned." The last registered owner on record is responsible, by law, for the cost of removing, storing, and disposing of the abandoned vehicle ([RCW 46.55.105](#)).

## **Can I Claim Ownership of an Abandoned Vehicle on My Property?**

No. You cannot sell or assume ownership of vehicles or vessels (including mobile homes), found, or presumed to be abandoned on your property or elsewhere.

Contact a registered tow company to remove and impound the vehicle or vessel (see above). You may then bid on the vehicle when it is put up for sale or auction.

For other options see:

[60.08 RCW](#) – Chattel liens

[60.10 RCW](#) – Personal property lien-Summary foreclosure

[WAC 308-56A-310](#) – Personal property lien-Chattel

[WAC 308-93-445](#) – Personal property lien-Chattel

[RCW 59.18](#) – Residential landlord-tenant act

[RCW 60.72](#) – Landlord's lien for rent

[WAC 308-56A-311](#) – Personal property lien-Landlord's lien for rent

[WAC 308-93-446](#) – Personal property lien-Landlord's lien for rent

[19.150 RCW](#) – Self-service storage facilities

[RCW 19.150.080](#) – Manner of sale-Who may not acquire property-Interest on excess proceeds

[WAC 308-56A-312](#) – Personal property lien-Self-service storage facilities

You may also petition your local court for ownership.