



Fraudulent Vehicle Inspection

What You Need to Know About Clean Scanning

You Should Avoid "Clean Scanning"

In Texas, ensuring that your vehicle passes a legitimate inspection is crucial for compliance with state regulations. However, some inspection stations engage in a fraudulent practice known as "clean scanning," where they use a different vehicle that is known to pass inspection to falsify results for another vehicle that will not pass inspection. This practice is illegal and can have serious consequences for both the consumer and the shop involved.

Penalties for Consumers

Fines and Fees: Car owners caught with a fraudulent inspection can face hefty fines.

Revocation of Registration: The vehicle's registration may be revoked, and the owner could be required to pay additional fees to have it reinstated after a legitimate inspection.

Legal Action: In severe cases, consumers may face criminal charges, leading to court appearances and legal costs.

Penalties for Consumers

Criminal Charges: Shop owners involved in fraudulent inspections can face criminal charges, including fines and imprisonment.

Business Closure: Shops found engaging in these practices risk losing their business licenses, leading to the closure of their operations.

Reputation Damage: A reputation for engaging in illegal activities can permanently damage a business, resulting in a loss of customer trust and revenue.

Don't Fall for Social Media Scams

Beware of fake vehicle inspection ads on social media like Facebook. Scammers offer unrealistically low prices to pass an unrepaired vehicle. Always verify the service through trusted sources and avoid clicking on suspicious links. *Inspections are always conducted in person. Online inspections are illegal inspections.*



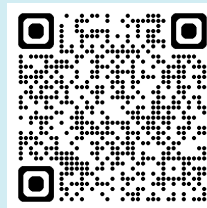
Risks and Consequences of Fraudulent Inspections

Environmental Impact: Inspections ensure that vehicles meet emission standards, helping to reduce pollution. Fraudulent inspections mean that vehicles that emit harmful pollutants remain in use, negatively impacting air quality and public health.

Legal Penalties: Both consumers and shop owners who knowingly participate in fraudulent inspections face significant legal consequences.

Protect Yourself and Your Community

To avoid these risks, always ensure that your vehicle inspection is conducted by a reputable and certified inspection station. The Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) regularly updates information on certified stations and conducts operations to crack down on fraudulent inspections. By choosing a legitimate inspection service, you contribute to environmental protection and compliance with state laws.



For more information, visit the TxDPS Safety Vehicle Inspection page.



Learn about recent enforcement actions in Operation Cinderblock.