

# Bulletin

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**Date:** February 5, 2020  
**Bulletin:** All Tag and Title Services  
**From:** Business Licensing and Drivers Instructional Services  
**RE:** **Fraudulent Electronic Inspections (UPDATED)**

It has recently come to our attention that transactions are being submitted or processed involving fraudulent electronic inspection (e-Inspections) documents. This bulletin provides updated best practices regarding the paper and electronic safety inspection.

Currently there are 2 formats to present the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate:

- Paper Certificate
- Paper Electronic Certificate – Control number begins with an “E” and signature is machine printed

To ensure compliance with this requirement and to help eliminate the possibility of receiving a fraudulent e-Inspection the MDOT MVA requires the following verification with each transaction involving e-Inspections:

***REQUIRED BEST PRACTICE:***

- (1) Go onto the Maryland State Police (MSP) website at [www.mdsp.maryland.gov](http://www.mdsp.maryland.gov)
- (2) On the MSP homepage click onto “Maryland Vehicle Inspection Program”
- (3) Click onto “e-Inspection Search and Station Locator”
- (4) Enter the full or last 7 digits of Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), vehicles that pass the Maryland Safety Inspection will be displayed
- (5) Copy and Print the e-Inspection page displaying the vehicle’s vin

A copy of the e-Inspection page should be submitted with the vehicle title record along with the paper electronic certificate.

The MDOT MVA has worked with all 3 ERT vendors and they now have a validation against the MSP e-Inspection website. If a customer is presenting an e-Inspection when processing a transaction, you should receive a response confirming the e-Inspection being presented is valid. For any inspections that do not return as valid please contact the MDOT MVA as the e-Inspection being presented could potentially be fraudulent.

\*\*\*NOTE: This validation only applies to those inspections performed electronically\*\*\*

These best practices ensure that you are compliant with the law, regulations, MDOT MVA rules, and will help ensure that there are no issues with your customer’s transaction.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (410) 787-2950 or email us at [mvablcscsd@mva.maryland.gov](mailto:mvablcscsd@mva.maryland.gov).