**BANDIT TOWING - HOOKED ON FRAUD**

Bandit tow trucks prowl the streets to illegally hook up your car and head off. Most towing firms are honest. But watch for bandits. Take charge — avoid towing scams.

**THE SCAMS**

*Crash-scene con*  
Tow truck suddenly shows up. Driver wants to heal your damaged car or your "junk" body shop. Caution — may be a setup for shoddy, unsafe repairs.

*Impound fees*  
Impound lot bills you inflated fees to release your car. Hundreds of dollars, or more. No pay … no car.

*Parking predator*  
Parking meter expires, or you're in a no-parking zone. Towing firms stalk for vehicles — even when meter not expired.

**THE PRICE YOU PAY**

You're out hundreds or thousands — hundreds or thousands — bogus towing, impound and repair costs. Scare you and may not be insured.

**FIGHT BACK**

Be loud — complain.  
Call your insurer and police if you suspect a scam.

**AVOID LURKERS**  
Avoid towing firms that suddenly show up for a crash.

**PROTECT INSURANCE INFO**  
Say no if the towing driver asks for your insurance or other sensitive personal info.

**STRESS FOLLOWS YOU EVERYWHERE.**

You're out hundreds or thousands — bogus towing, impound and repair costs. Stress follows you everywhere.

**USE TRUSTED BODY SHOP**  
Call your insurer or auto club. Find a reliable body shop — before towing.

**IGNORE BLANK FORMS**  
Towing contract has blanks? Don’t sign.