News Release

Contact: [Name]

[Contact job title]

[Contact phone number]

[Contact email address]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March [XX], 2023

**Entity Name Urges Drivers to Check for Recalls During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week**

*More than one in five vehicles have an open safety recall, eligible for free repairs.*

[City, state abbreviation] –The Entity encourages vehicle owners to check their recall status during NHTSA’s Vehicle Safety Recalls Week March 6-12, 2023.

In the United States, over 50 million vehicles have unrepaired safety recalls and many of those recalls involve defective parts that can pose life-threatening risks to drivers or passengers. All repairs are free at authorized local dealerships.

Led by the National Safety Council (NSC), the Check To Protect campaign encourages all vehicle owners to proactively check their recall status and, if necessary, schedule a free repair as soon as possible.

 [INSERT QUOTE from spokesperson about efforts to inform vehicle owners of open safety recalls, or importance of checking for recalls and getting open recalls repaired promptly]

Any vehicle owner can check for open safety recalls by visiting [CheckToProtect.org](http://www.checktoprotect.org) and uploading a picture of the vehicle license plate or entering the license plate number and state. Owners may also enter their 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number, or VIN. The VIN may be found on the driver’s side dash, inside the driver’s door, on your registration documents, or on your insurance card.

All recalls are free to have repaired at authorized dealerships, regardless of whether you purchased your vehicle from the dealership or take it there for regular service. For more information on vehicle safety recalls, visit [CheckToProtect.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cevansta%5CDownloads%5CChecktoProtect.org).

[Organization boilerplate]

**About Check to Protect**

[Check to Protect](https://www.checktoprotect.org/)is a coalition led by the National Safety Council that encourages drivers to check the recall status of their vehicle and have open recalls fixed immediately, to protect the ones they love.

**About the National Safety Council**

The [National Safety Council](https://www.nsc.org/) is America’s leading nonprofit safety advocate – and has been for over 100 years. As a mission-based organization, we work to eliminate the leading causes of preventable death and injury, focusing our efforts on the workplace, roadway and impairment. We create a culture of safety to not only keep people safer at work, but also beyond the workplace so they can live their fullest lives.

# # #