

# CHECK TO PROTECT

## A PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

- + More than **50 million vehicles in the U.S.** have unrepaired, open recalls<sup>1</sup>. That’s roughly one in five vehicles on the road.<sup>1</sup> Yours could be one of them.
  - This includes tens of millions of unrepaired, recalled Takata airbags. In a crash, recalled airbags can rupture and spray shrapnel into the vehicle, transforming from lifesaving devices into life threatening ones.<sup>2</sup>
  - Automakers send notifications about safety recalls, but if you own an older or used vehicle, or regularly take your vehicle to a mechanic, your contact information may not be on file.
  
- + It is easy to check for vehicle recalls for **FREE**.
  - You can insert your vehicle’s VIN or license plate in [CheckToProtect.org](https://www.checktoprotect.org).
    - Your VIN – or vehicle identification number – is a 17-character ID found on the driver’s side dashboard, the inside of the driver’s door, and on registration or insurance documents.
  - If you have a safety recall, you will be directed to schedule a free repair at a dealer.
  
- + All vehicle recalls are **FREE to repair** at your local authorized dealer.
  - Recalls are repaired for free, regardless of whether you purchased the vehicle from the dealer or take your vehicle there for service – all you need to do is schedule an appointment.
  - Many dealers offer additional services for recall repair customers, such as alternate transportation. Some even will bring the recall repairs to you.
  
- + Checking for – and promptly fixing – safety recalls is as important as checking your oil and tire pressure. **It should be part of your vehicle maintenance routine.**
  - If left unrepaired, safety recalls put the lives of drivers and their passengers at risk. Don’t put yourself or your loved ones in danger when there’s a free solution.
  - Recall repairs can also help you improve the longevity of your vehicle and avoid costly repairs or damages.
  - Set reminders to check for recalls or select key moments in the year, such as the beginning and the end of the school year, or when you change your clocks for daylight savings.

### ABOUT CHECK TO PROTECT

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- + Check To Protect® is a national public awareness campaign that encourages drivers to check the recall status of their vehicle and have open safety recalls fixed immediately.
- + Check To Protect® was founded by the National Safety Council and Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram. Toyota, Volvo, Ford, BMW, and GM are also members of the Check To Protect Coalition.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.carfax.com/recall](https://www.carfax.com/recall)

<sup>2</sup> [www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight](https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/takata-recall-spotlight)