



OVERVIEW

- In 2022, there were more than 50 million vehicles on the road with open safety recalls. That's about one out of every four vehicles in the US.
- Safety recalls are issued when there is a vehicle defect that puts the driver and their passengers at risk. Automakers send out notices to vehicle owners they have on file – but if you have an older or previously owned vehicle, you may not be receiving these notices.
- Vehicle safety recalls affect all years, makes and models. One example is the Takata airbag recall.
 - When exposed over time to heat and humidity, recalled airbags can transform from life-saving devices into life-threatening ones.
 - Even in a minor crash, a defective airbag can rupture and spray sharp metal fragments into the vehicle – which has led to injuries and even deaths.
 - There are still tens of millions of vehicles on the road today with unrepaired, defective airbags.
 - We are urging vehicle owners with recalled airbags to get them fixed immediately. It's free to get them repaired, and it may end up saving a life.
- Often times, drivers of older or used vehicles are not aware their vehicle is under a safety recall, putting themselves and their passengers at risk of serious injury or death.
- Vehicle safety recall repairs are always FREE at an authorized dealership.

CALLS TO ACTION

- It's free and easy to check if your vehicle has an open recall. You can go to www.ChecktoProtect.org and enter your license plate number, a picture of your license plate, or 17-character Vehicle Identification Number – also known as a VIN – and it will tell you if you have any safety recalls on your vehicles.
 - Your VIN is a 17-character ID found on your driver's side dashboard, on the driver's side door, and on most vehicle registration and insurance documents.
- There are a couple of places on your vehicle where you can find your VIN – on the driver's side dash, inside the driver's door, on your registration documents, or on your insurance card.
- Another option for vehicle owners is to text "RECALL" to 99724 – or, for Spanish speakers, text "REVISA" to 99724 – and snap a picture of the license plate when prompted.
- If you have an open recall, we encourage you to take that next step by calling your local dealer, scheduling the repair, and taking your vehicle in. All recalls are free to have repaired at authorized dealers, regardless of whether the vehicle was purchased from the dealer.

ABOUT CHECK TO PROTECT

- Check To Protect is a coalition led by the National Safety Council to raise awareness of the importance of checking for open vehicle recalls and getting free repairs.
- It's important to regularly check for vehicle recalls to keep your family and loved ones safe. Visit ChecktoProtect.org today to see if your vehicle has an open recall.