

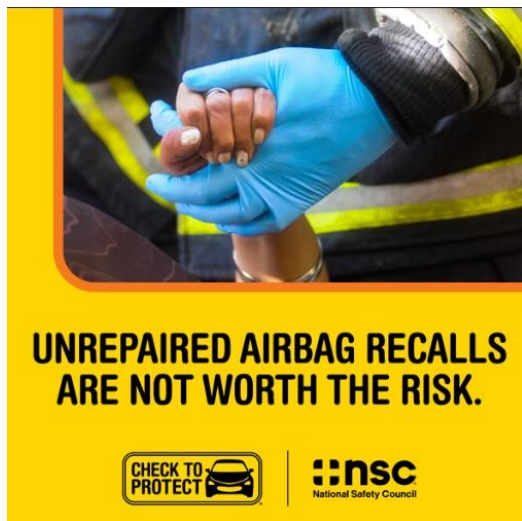
CHECK TO PROTECT

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Like you, the *Check To Protect* Coalition has had a busy summer as we continue to raise awareness about vehicles with open safety recalls and the risks posed to drivers and passengers. As the season wraps up and we enter fall, we will continue our work and thank you for your help with our efforts.

+ Recalled air bags continue to put occupants at risk



Eight years, 27 deaths and more than 400 injuries later, the United States is still dealing with the largest vehicle safety recall in its history. Defective Takata air bags are putting Americans at risk every day; there are currently more than 11 million vehicles on the road with unrepaired recalled air bags. There are still millions of vehicles on U.S. Roadways with dangerous recalled air bags.

Automakers – together with federal, state, local governments and non-profit organizations like the National Safety Council (NSC) – have been urging vehicle owners to prioritize free repairs

through a variety of outreach tactics including advertising, mailing notices, calling vehicle owners and conducting door-to-door canvassing. The good news is this has led to more than 44 million air bag repairs.

Check To Protect makes it quick and easy to check the safety recall status of vehicles. Drivers simply enter the license plate number or vehicle identification number at [CheckToProtect.org](https://www.CheckToProtect.org) to learn about open safety recalls. If a recall is found, Check To Protect provides a link to local auto dealers so an appointment may be scheduled for the free repair. The service is not only for individual vehicle owners. Businesses and other organizations that operate fleets can conduct bulk vehicle recall checks by going to the [Fleet/Dealer page on CheckToProtect.org](https://www.CheckToProtect.org).

+ Vehicle Safety Recalls—Child Passenger Safety

September 17-23, 2023 is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s National Child Passenger Safety Week. This is an excellent opportunity to not only have child safety seats looked at by a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST), but to check the vehicle the children travel in for open safety recalls. There are nearly 40,000 certified CPST’s nationally and many will be enhancing efforts during this special week on NHTSA’s Traffic Safety Calendar.

CheckToProtect.org is available to all for a quick and easy vehicle safety recall check while discussing child passenger safety.



(CPST’s, we have resources available!)

+ Thank you!

We are grateful for your support in increasing vehicle safety recall awareness and repair. Please visit the Check To Protect Facebook page by searching @CheckToProtect.org and like/follow us and share our posts.

Visit our [Resource Page](#) for many free resources for you to use. In addition, if you are interested in printed materials such as palm cards and post cards (below), we have those too and would be happy to ship them directly to you.



If you have any questions about Check To Protect or would like to request printed materials, please reach out to Lonny Haschel at CheckToProtect@nsc.org.