





### What's NHTSA?

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is the official federal safety authority that works to keep you and your loved ones safe on our roads.

## How do we do it?

NHTSA manages vehicle safety recalls, sets vehicle safety standards and requires automakers to recall vehicles that have safety defects or don't meet those standards.

# Why is addressing your safety recall important?



Recalls are prompted by significant safety concerns. Even so, **A QUARTER** - **OF CARS** are never repaired.

That means potentially millions of vehicles with life-threatening safety defects are still on the road.



### How do recalls start?

Most of the time, car manufacturers initiate recalls on their own, but if a safety defect is hard to detect or prove, NHTSA may investigate whether a recall is needed.



- We analyze consumer reports, data from manufacturers, and other information from testing and inspections
- 2 Conduct a formal investigation
- Evaluate the level of risk of each safety issue

If we believe **THE RISK** for injury and death is too high, we require the manufacturer to issue a recall and fix the problem.

#### What triggers a recall?

Recalls can be prompted by steering, fuel systems, braking, wheels, air bags, wiring or other components that can pose **A SERIOUS SAFETY RISK.** 



#### How can you stay safe?

If your car has a recall, **GET IT FIXED. IT COULD SAVE A LIFE.** Also, check your car for recalls at least twice a year, and sign up to receive alerts about new recalls at **nhtsa.gov**.



### How do you know if **your car** is recalled?

Automakers notify all car owners by first-class mail, and your dealer will **REPAIR IT FOR FREE.** You can also call your dealer or check NHTSA's VIN look-up tool on **nhtsa.gov**. - - - - - - ·

What does a **mailed** recall notification look like?

Keep an eye out for MAIL WITH THIS
DISTINCT LABEL from the vehicle manufacturer notifying you of a recall on your vehicle.

