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### Safe Cars Save Lives: Drivers Should Check Their Vehicle During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week

**[City, State]** — *Safe Cars Save Lives*: This is the lifesaving message the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is sharing with all vehicle owners. NHTSA urges vehicle owners to check their vehicle for open recalls during Vehicle Safety Recalls Week March 3-9, 2025. In 2024 alone, there were 1,073 safety recalls affecting more than 35 million vehicles and other automotive equipment in the United States.

“Checking for recalls is free, quick, and easy,” said **[Local Community Leader]**. “During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week in March, we are urging everyone to take a few minutes to check for an open safety recall. Every vehicle recall is important and should be repaired immediately. Your diligence will help keep you and others safe on the roadways.”

**Checking for Recalls Is Free and Easy**

NHTSA provides two free and easy ways to check for open safety recalls: First, drivers can use the user-friendly [Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or License Plate Look-Up Tool](https://www.NHTSA.gov/recalls), located at [NHTSA.gov/recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls). This web tool allows vehicle owners to check for open safety recalls on their vehicles or automotive equipment, such as tires and car seats. A vehicle owner can use the VIN Look-Up Tool and enter their vehicle’s 17-digit VIN, or use the License Plate Look-Up Tool and enter their vehicle’s license plate number and state. While there, vehicle owners can [sign up for Recall Alerts](https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/subscriptions) to be alerted for future recalls via email. NHTSA’s web recalls tool provides details on unrepaired recalls in a vehicle for at least the past 15 calendar years.

The other option to check for open safety recalls is to download the free [SaferCar app](https://www.nhtsa.gov/safercar-app). Once in the app, enter a vehicle’s VIN and NHTSA will send an alert if a safety recall is issued. The [SaferCar app](https://www.nhtsa.gov/safercar-app) acts as a virtual garage: Once a user downloads the app — available for iOS and Android — they can save any vehicle or related equipment, like tires, trailers, and car seats. [SaferCar](https://www.nhtsa.gov/safercar-app) notifies the user of all related recalls, even directing them to local dealerships so they can quickly make an appointment and get it fixed quickly and for free.

In both cases, drivers will need to enter either the vehicle’s VIN, located on the lower portion of their car’s windshield on the driver’s side, or license plate. The VIN is also located on a vehicle owner’s registration card, and it may be shown on their insurance card. Drivers may also access NHTSA’s [investigations and recalls resources page](https://www.nhtsa.gov/resources-investigations-recalls), which contains interactive recall and recall completion rate dashboards.

**Stay Recall Aware Every Day**

Even with alerts and warnings emailed or mailed by manufacturers, millions of recalled vehicles go unrepaired every year. This puts drivers, passengers, and other road users at risk. In fact, an urgent air bag recall is still ongoing, currently the largest vehicle recall in U.S. history, which has resulted in 28 deaths in the United States.

If a driver believes their vehicle may have a safety-related defect that isn’t part of a current recall, contact NHTSA online at NHTSA.gov or by calling the agency’s Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236. Sometimes just one complaint is enough to trigger a safety recall.

For more information on NHTSA’s Vehicle Recalls, visit [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls).

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