



**SAFE CARS SAVE LIVES**  
**STATISTICS INCLUDE NATIONAL AND BUS TOUR STATES:**  
**FLORIDA, TEXAS, ALABAMA AND LOUISIANA**

**VEHICLE RECALLS:** According to NHTSA, 1 in 4 recalled vehicles are left unrepaired. Last year, there were close to 900 recalls affecting 51 million vehicles nationwide, including the [nationwide recall of air bag inflators](#) supplied by Takata. Takata inflators have a safety defect that may cause the inflator to rupture during air bag deployment and propel metal shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

- The Takata recall is the result of a NHTSA safety defect investigation that was opened in 2014, and was based on reports of [six inflator ruptures in vehicles located in Florida or Puerto Rico](#).
- Defective Takata inflators have been tied to 10 deaths in the United States, including the following States:
  - **FLORIDA:** Driver of a 2001 Honda Accord in Orlando. The crash occurred September 29, 2014, and the driver died on October 2, 2014.
  - **LOUISIANA:** Driver of a 2005 Honda Civic in Lafayette. The crash occurred April 5, 2015, and the driver died on April 9, 2015.
  - **TEXAS:** Driver of a 2002 Honda Accord in Harris County (January 18, 2015) and the driver of a 2002 Honda Civic in Fort Bend County (March 31, 2016). Both drivers died at the scene of the crash.
- Inflator ruptures are far more likely in vehicles that have spent significant periods of time in areas of high absolute humidity—particularly Florida, Texas and other parts of the Gulf Coast, and Southern California.
- [Certain model-year 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles](#) show a far (up to 50%) higher risk of rupture. Eight of the 10 confirmed U.S. fatalities due to Takata ruptures were in this population of vehicles.

**HEATSTROKE STATISTICS:** San Jose State University tracks child heatstroke deaths in real time. They are the source for this data, and additional statistics can be found on their website [www.noheatstroke.org](http://www.noheatstroke.org). From June through August, an average of two children will die each week of heatstroke after being left in a car. The average number of U.S. child heatstroke fatalities per year is 37. [In more than half of those tragedies, the child was forgotten](#) in the car by an adult.

- Nationwide, the average number of child heatstroke deaths in cars during the month of July is 9. This year, there were 7 fatalities.
- In the past 19 years, July 2015 had the lowest number of child heatstroke fatalities in cars (3 total), and July 1999 had the highest (16 total).
- In 2016, 26 children have died of heatstroke after being left in cars. [Click here](#) for detailed information including city, age of child, outside temperature:
  - 3 child heatstroke deaths in Florida
  - 5 child heatstroke deaths in Texas
  - 3 child heatstroke deaths in Louisiana