



SAFE CARS SAVE LIVES STATISTICS TEXAS

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.

- Defective Takata inflators have been tied to 10 deaths in the United States, including the driver of a 2002 Honda Accord in Harris County, Texas on January 18, 2015, and the driver of a 2002 Honda Civic in Fort Bend County, Texas, on March 31, 2016.
- Inflator ruptures are far more likely in vehicles that have spent significant periods of time in areas of high absolute humidity—particularly Texas.

HEATSTROKE: San Jose State University tracks child heatstroke deaths in cars in real time and is the source for this data. Additional statistics can be found on their website www.noheatstroke.org. From June through August, an average of two children will die each week of heatstroke after being left in cars. 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.

- In 2016, Texas has had five children die from vehicular heatstroke.
- Over the past 19 years, Texas has had 105 children die from vehicular heatstroke.
- Texas ranks number 10 on the list of States with the highest number of child heatstroke deaths in cars (per capita/1 million from 1998-2016, for children under 18).

CAR SEATS: According to NHTSA, nearly 60 percent of car seats are not installed correctly, leaving kids vulnerable in a crash. On average, 3 children were killed and an estimated 458 children were injured every day in traffic crashes in 2014. Out of the 21,022 passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes that year, 714 were children. Of these 714 child occupant fatalities, 241 were not buckled up. [Click here](#) for details.

- In 2014, Texas had the highest number of child traffic deaths.
- A total of 145 children (from birth to age 14) in Texas were killed in traffic crashes in 2014.
- Eighty-two of those 145 children killed were under the age of 8.

TIRES: According to NHTSA, improper tire maintenance can lead to a flat tire, blowout, or the tread coming off your tire. Seventy percent of people don't check their tires, resulting in 11,000 crashes annually. Properly inflated tires can also save drivers 11 cents per gallon and extend the average life of a tire by 4,700 miles.

- In Texas, 56 people were killed in crashes that involved a tire blowout or a flat between 2010 and 2014.