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**Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Urges Drivers to Check for Recalls  
in Preparation for Labor Day Travel**

*More than one in five vehicles in Kentucky has an open safety recall, eligible for free repairs*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 3, 2021)** – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) encourages every Kentucky vehicle owner to check their recall status ahead of the Labor Day weekend when motorists may be planning a late-summer trip.

In the United States, over 50 million vehicles have unrepaired safety recalls and many of those recalls involve defective parts that can pose life-threatening risks to drivers or passengers. In Kentucky, 22.3% of vehicles on the road today have unrepaired safety recalls. All can be repaired for free at local dealers.

Led by the National Safety Council (NSC), the Check To Protect campaign encourages all vehicle owners to proactively check their recall status and, if necessary, schedule a free repair as soon as possible.

“What you don’t know *can* hurt you,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “Vehicles transport the most precious cargo – people – and doing a quick search to see if your vehicle has an open recall can help keep you and others on the roadway safe. Those with an open recall can schedule a free repair and have the peace of mind behind the wheel.”

“Now is the time of year when more Kentuckians will be driving, so it’s important to make sure the vehicle you’re driving is safe,” said Mark Chung, vice president, roadway practice at NSC. “We encourage everyone to take two minutes this week to check their vehicles for recalls. You won’t know if you and your loved ones are at risk until you check.”

Any vehicle owner can learn whether they have an open recall by visiting [CheckToProtect.org](https://www.checktoprotect.org) and entering their license plate or their 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number, or VIN. The VIN can be found on the driver’s side dash, inside the driver’s door, on your registration documents or on your insurance card. Another option for vehicle owners is to text “RECALL” to 99724 – or, for Spanish speakers, text “REVISA” to 99724 – and snap a picture of the license plate when prompted.

All recalls are free to have repaired at authorized dealers, regardless of whether you purchased your vehicle from the dealer or take it there for regular service. For more information on safety recalls, visit [CheckToProtect.org](https://www.checktoprotect.org).

### **About Check to Protect**

[Check to Protect](https://www.checktoprotect.org) is a coalition led by the NSC to encourage drivers to check the recall status of their vehicle and have open recalls fixed immediately, to protect the ones they love.

### **About the National Safety Council**

The [National Safety Council](https://www.nsc.org) is America's leading nonprofit safety advocate – and has been for over 100 years. As a mission-based organization, we work to eliminate the leading causes of preventable death and injury, focusing our efforts on the workplace, roadway and impairment. We create a culture of safety to not only keep people safer at work, but also beyond the workplace so they can live their fullest lives.

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