

AIRBAG RECALL RESOURCES FOR VEHICLE CRASHWORTHY VICTIMS & THEIR FAMILIES



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ABOUT AIRBAGS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that airbags have saved more than 20,000 lives.

However, the problem of airbags failing to deploy or not open in accidents still exists. There are no reliable statistics as to how many injuries and deaths are caused by airbags not opening or airbags causing other kinds of injuries from impact. Then there are airbags that open for no reason – driving over a bump or a sudden stop. Imagine being gravely injured from an airbag that was never supposed to open but then it did like an explosive.

Advanced frontal airbag technologies vary but most airbags are designed to deploy with varying strength depending on the size and location of the occupants and whether or not the occupants are wearing seat belts. Airbags are designed for the average size man. Women, children, and the elderly are often at risk upon impact especially on the passenger side or during size crashes. Air bags reduce the risk of injury by just 2 percent for adults who wear seatbelts. A seatbelt alone reduces a driver's risk of death by 42 percent.



HOW DOES AN AIRBAG WORK?

Airbags appear to be like a big pillow that pops out of the steering wheel on impact. It's supposed to save lives. Airbags do reduce the risk of dying in a direct frontal crash by 30 percent. Nowadays some cars have dual airbags. Stopping an object's momentum requires force. When a car crashes, the force required to stop an object is very great because the car's momentum has changed instantly while the passenger has not. The goal of any supplemental restraint system is to help stop the passenger while doing as little damage as possible. What an airbag has to do is to slow the passenger's speed to zero with little or no damage in the blink of an eye.

The inflation system is not unlike a solid rocket booster. The airbag system ignites a solid propellant, which burns extremely fast to create a large volume of gas to inflate the bag. The bag then literally bursts from its storage at about 200 mph. A second later, the gas quickly dissipates through tiny holes in the bag, by deflating the bag so you can move.

The whole process happens in 1/25th of a second, enough time to help prevent serious injury. The powdery substance released from the airbag is cornstarch or talcum powder, which is used to keep the bags pliable and lubricated while in storage.

AIRBAG LAWSUITS IN PENNSYLVANIA & NEW JERSEY

You could file an airbag lawsuit if you or a family member has been injured or died as a result of a failed airbag, exploding airbag, or an airbag recall that failed to perform. You could be part of a class action lawsuit or an individual lawsuit. Your attorney would file a lawsuit for personal injury and product negligence or perhaps wrongful death. The car maker and/or airbag manufacturer requires accountability. Anapol Schwartz has a staff of more than 30 attorneys, many who are experts in their field, with successful track records for personal injury, product negligence, and wrongful death cases. [Meet Mark LeWinter who won an airbag settlement lawsuit.](#)

Every state has statute of limitations regarding the filing of lawsuits for personal injury and wrongful death. Do not wait too long. It is recommended that you contact Anapol Schwartz Attorneys at Law with offices in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The last thing you want to happen is to miss your opportunity to seek counsel and be denied the chance to file a lawsuit.

Anapol Schwartz has location in Philadelphia, PA 19103, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034, Media, PA 19063, Reading, PA 19601, and Harrisburg, PA 17101.





CAN I AFFORD AN AIRBAG LAWSUIT?

Yes. If you agree to retain Anapol Schwartz and they agree to be retained, your case will be upon contingency. This means if you don't win your airbag personal injury/product negligence lawsuit, Anapol Schwartz attorneys do not get paid. Everyone is motivated to win!

AIRBAG RECALLS

Airbag recalls are not uncommon. Almost every car maker and model has some problems with airbag recalls. The problems are many and affect that an airbag does not deploy; does not deploy properly; the sensors cause deployment when there isn't accidents like running over a pothole or slamming a door too hard; faulty side air bag openings, and more. While airbags save lives, airbags also end them too.

AIRBAGS: ARE YOU AT RISK?

If your car is a 1997 model or earlier - and it has airbags - they're likely what are referred to as "first generation airbags." A more recent model car likely has "second generation," or de-powered airbags. They deploy with less force than first generation bags. <http://www.cbc.ca/consumers/market/files/cars/airbags/index.html>

Do I have an airbag lawsuit? Please contact Anapol Schwartz about your airbag lawsuit. Start by answering a few questions. There is never an obligation to continue and all conversation and information is strictly confidential. Call toll-free 1-866-735-2792 or use our free online consultation form.



DO YOU HAVE A LAWSUIT?

If a recalled airbag is responsible for injuring you or someone you love, please contact Anapol Schwartz to discuss your airbag lawsuit. You can start by answering a simple few questions. There is never an obligation to continue and all conversation and information is strictly confidential.

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INJURIES CAUSED BY AIR BAG DEFECTS

- Eye Injuries - contusions, corneal abrasions, hemorrhage, corneal edema, and retinal detachment
- Breathing Injuries - Asthmatic attack from inhaling dust
- Chemical Injuries – Burns to the face and torso caused by the gas emitted from the air bags
- Traumatic Head and Brain Injuries – May happen when driver or passenger is too close to or in direct contact with an air bag module when the air bag deploys. Car and truck occupants are more at risk to suffer a traumatic brain injury than people involved in head-on or other types of collisions. Brain injuries from side-impact crashes are usually more severe.
- Paralysis - Nerve damage that causes paralysis may be in the brain or spinal cord may be in the nerves outside the spinal cord.
- Facial Scarring – Air bag deployment may cause facial scarring, particularly when the air bag drives or grinds broken glass into the victim's face and upper body.
- Wrongful Death - For instance, in a fatal air bag injury accident, the spouse of a driver killed may bring action against the auto maker and air bag manufacturer in court and claim punitive and compensatory damages.

AIRBAG SAFETY AND CHILDREN - The force of a deployed airbag can injure or kill a young child even in an otherwise survivable crash. Children ages 12 years and younger, including infants, should never be placed in a seat in front of an airbag. Riding in the back greatly eliminates children's risk of such injury. Isolated head injuries occur more frequently in the infant population compared with neck and torso injuries. This is not surprising because the infant is usually seated in a rear-facing car seat, which places the head nearest to the deploying airbag.

Other Crashworthy Problems – Do You Have a Crashworthy Lawsuit?

ROLLOVERS - Sport utility vehicles (SUVs) cause more fatalities than any other kind of motor-vehicle. SUVs also had the highest rollover rate for passenger vehicles in injury crashes. Engineers and safety experts agree that the best way for manufacturers to make SUVs more stable or less likely to roll over is to lower the center of gravity and widen the wheel track.

TIRE FAILURES - While some tire failures may be prevented because of driver error, some tire failures are the direct result of a manufacturing defect or design defect. Most tire manufacturers have known about the dangers of the tires for years but have failed to properly warn of the risks.

CAR FIRES - Since 1999, Ford has recalled more than 10 million vehicles because of engine fires linked to cruise control systems across a range of trucks, SUVs, and vans. Bad design based on economics (save the car maker money) has put millions of people and their families at risk and killed thousands of people.

SEATBELT FAILURES - During an accident, the seat belt retractor locks the seat belt webbing and holds the occupant in place. When the retractor fails to properly lock, excessive webbing results in seat belt slack. Sometimes as little as a few inches of slack determine the difference between no injuries and catastrophic or fatal injuries.



AIRBAG RESOURCES & LINKS

NHTSA – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce vehicle rated crashes. The site is filled with resources, helpful information, statistics, and searches for everything anyone with a driver's license might find useful. <http://www.nhtsa.gov/portal/site/nhtsa>

FRONTAL CRASH PROTECTION RESEARCH - The frontal crash protection research reports on the test procedure development phase of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) program. It was anticipated that even after all cars and light trucks have air bags for drivers and front seat passengers more than 8,000 fatalities a year and over 100,000 moderate to severe injuries will still remain. The research will cover injuries and fatalities through development of crash tests with impact conditions not addressed by current standards.

FILING A COMPLAINT - You have the right to file an airbag complaint with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Please try to provide as much information as possible. <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq/>

HOW AIRBAGS WORK – Informational website that explains how airbags work in layman's terms- <http://www.howstuffworks.com/airbag.htm>

Airbag articles written by experts for people who don't fit into the typical male tested dummy size and weight should have the option to turn their airbag switches off and on plus other accessories used to help shorter people and the elderly keep a safe distance away from the airbag module - http://www.airbagonoff.com/airbag_safety_articles.htm

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