



Takata Recall Spotlight.

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ens of millions of vehicles with Takata air bags are under recall. Long-term exposure to high heat

and humidity can cause these air bags to explode when deployed. Such explosions have caused injuries and deaths. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urges vehicle owners to take a few simple steps to protect themselves and others from this very serious threat to safety.

This past summer, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration urged automakers affected by the Takata air bag recall to make publicly available on their websites their plans for replacing all defective bags in their vehicles.

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that those dangerous air bags are replaced as soon as is safely possible," said NHTSA Deputy Administrator Heidi King. "Public plans will be a resource to communities and to individual consumers to support effective recall implementation nationwide."

Roughly 37 million vehicles equipped with 50 million defective Takata air bags are under recall because these air bags can explode when deployed.

Powered by the NHTSA, you can go to their website: <https://vinrel.safercar.gov/vin/>. This site is a great resource for Recalls Look-Up by VIN, driver safety tips, theft protection and more. If you'd like to receive Recall Alerts via email, simply Google NHTSA Recall Alerts, and you will go directly to the sign-up form.

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The holiday season is already upon us. The year has flown by. As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, many of us will be on the road visiting family and friends. We want you to be as safe as possible. And that starts with your vehicle. Both articles in this communication are about recalls. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is an excellent source for safety and recall information. We have one article about airbags and the Takata recall.

“Tens of millions of vehicles with Takata air bags are under recall,” an NHTSA site devoted to the recalls says. “Long-term exposure to high heat and humidity can cause these air bags to explode when deployed.”

Takata is one manufacturer under fire, but when it comes to tires, there is a long list of

recalls that are a leading source of car accidents and even death. We urge you to read these articles and take a few minutes to make sure your vehicle and tires are safe.

We also want to give a special shout-out to our Veterans! Veterans Day is November 11 and will be observed November 12. Take a moment to reflect on the meaning of this day and all our Veterans have put on the line for our country.

At Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, we specialize in Personal Injury, Veterans Disability and Social Security Disability. We have five offices in West Virginia and an additional office in Charlotte, NC. If you or someone you love has experienced a Personal Injury (or has needs in any of our two areas of vast experience), never hesitate to contact us through our website, jandils.com, or a toll-free call at **877-526-3457**.

If you have questions, we have answers.

Sincerely,
Jan Dils

Jan Dils brings her expertise to issues that affect you and millions of other Americans every day. While her knowledge spans the critical areas pertaining to Personal Injury, Veterans' benefits, Social Security disability benefits and related appeals and claims, her practice remains focused on people, making sure you get the right answers and results.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!

Kelly Guice

Kelly Guice is our lead Personal Injury Attorney at the firm. She came to Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, in July of 2016. Prior to joining our team, she specialized in the areas of product liability and mass and toxic torts; however, her experience with personal injury claims of many types is diverse. Kelly provides legal services to clients throughout West Virginia and Ohio. “I love the firm and my clients. My favorite part about working at Jan

Dils, Attorneys at Law, is my team. They share comradery that is unmatched!”

Kelly is a native of Parkersburg and has strong ties and active commitments to the community.

She and her husband have three children who keep them busy with sports and extracurricular activities. Her kids bring out her adventurous side because they share a love of rollercoasters. In her free time, Kelly enjoys spending time with her family and vacationing at Hilton Head Island.



Community Corner

On September 7, 2018, our firm participated in the **Downtown Parkersburg Artist Walk** sponsored by Artsbridge. Musicians, painters, sculptors, and artists of all kinds lined Market Street to show off their talents. Our very own Eric Hillyard from our management team played the keyboard outside our office during the event. We were proud to be a part of the day and show our support of local artists.



OFFICE INBOX

On a personal front, the Public Injury team had something very special to celebrate. Wedding bells rang as Personal Injury Specialist **Darian Farley** became Mrs. Betts on September 15!

Across the firm, we recently welcomed two new attorneys to our Social Security line of business. **Eric Foy** will be working out of our Charlotte, NC office, and **Lee Gyomlai** will be based in our Parkersburg office. Stephanie Bonar also joined our team as a Social Security leads specialist.

Additionally, **Shawn Haynes** recently started as a Veterans Affairs leads specialist.



The Only Thing Between You and the Road are Your Tires.

How Do You Know if You and Your Family are Driving on Defective Tires?

There are several recall sites on the internet. TireWise on NHTSA.org is an official site of the NHTSA and could be essential to safe driving. TireWise provides drivers with information about buying tires, tire maintenance and labeling, aging, fuel efficiency, and tire retailers. TireWise is also a resource for tire manufacturers, sellers and other partners to provide essential information to consumers for choosing and caring for their tires. We invite you to visit this site – especially before you’re in the garage for service and/or tires.

We’re Here for You.

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Source: www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/tires



At Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, your safety is our top priority. Of course, the purpose of our educational communica-

tions is to help prevent personal injuries that can lead to severe short- and long-term medical problems or even a fatality. Defective tires are a leading cause of auto accidents, an inevitable portion of our Personal Injury cases.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Department of Transportation, on average:

- Drivers in the United States put more than 2,969 billion miles on their tires annually.
- There are nearly 11,000 tire-related crashes, and hundreds of people will die in those crashes.
- In fact, in 2016, tire malfunctions resulted in 733 known fatalities, and approximately 19,000 people were injured in an accident where tires were a contributing factor.

Many of these crashes can be prevented through proper tire maintenance – including tire inflation and rotation, an understanding of tire labels, tire aging, and recalls and complaints.

Brands that have sent out defective tire recall notices or have been reported

for selling defective tires include, but are not limited to:

- Bridgestone
- Firestone
- Goodyear
- Michelin
- Pirelli
- Yokohama
- And many others

Fresh, Homemade Salsa!

Nothing goes better with fall football than fresh homemade salsa! A spicy favorite of PI Specialist **Joe Hendershot**, this recipe promises to be a real crowd pleaser.



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 28 oz. can whole peeled tomatoes (chop w/ tomato juice)
- 6-8 green onions (diced)
- 1 fresh jalapeno (chopped)
- 1 fresh habanero or 1 fresh Hungarian wax pepper, depending on how much heat you prefer (chopped)

- 1 fresh tomato (sliced or cubed into small pieces)
- 1/2 tbsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. lime juice
- 1 tbsp. distilled white vinegar
- Cilantro to taste (fresh or jarred will work, although I typically use jarred cilantro)

DIRECTIONS: Chop (The Pampered Chef® Chopper works best), slice or dice all ingredients, keep all tomato juice from canned peeled tomatoes, mix and stir thoroughly. Best served with Tostitos® Scoops.



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Consumers should also be aware of two critically important details about this recall:

The Danger of "Alpha" Air Bags: Certain 2001-2003 Honda and Acura vehicles, 2006 Ford Ranger, and Mazda B-Series trucks are at a far higher risk for an air bag explosion that could injure or kill vehicle occupants. These are referred to as "Alpha" air bags. These vehicles can and should be repaired immediately. Additional Vehicles Will Be Recalled: Additional air bags are scheduled to be recalled by December 2019, bringing the total number of affected air bags to around 65-70 million. These vehicles do not currently appear affected by this recall using a VIN search. Sign up for Recall Alerts and make sure the address on your registration is



current to be sure you're notified of this or any other future recalls.

At Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, we hope you will take the time to do some life-saving research and sign up for alerts.

Defective airbags and tires are the manufacturer's responsibility, and they should and will be held accountable. Our firm is steadfast in its mission to keep our community neighbors safe, first and foremost.