

## PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS

### Toyota Recalls 420,000 Vehicles

**Description:** Toyota is recalling certain model year 2004 Avalon vehicles; 2004 and 2005 Camry, Camry Solara, Highlander, and Sienna vehicles; 2006 Highlander Hybrids; 2004 and 2005 Lexus ES330 and RX330; and 2006 Lexus RX400h vehicles manufactured from June 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005, equipped with the 1MZ-FE or 3MZ-FE engine.

**Hazard:** In some cases, the belt for the power steering pump may become detached from the pulley, which could result in a loss of power steering and a sudden increase in steering effort, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:** Toyota will notify owners, and dealers will check the crankshaft pulley to identify whether the U.S. supplier produced it. If so, the dealer will replace the pulley with a new one at no charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during early January 2012.

### 2010-2011 Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan Vehicles

**Description:** Ford is recalling 129,000 certain model year 2010-2011 Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan vehicles equipped with 17 inch steel wheels and built from April 1, 2009, through April 30, 2009, and from December 1, 2009, through November 13, 2010.

**Hazard:** While driving, multiple stud fractures could occur at the wheel location, and the operator may experience vehicle vibration and/or wheel separation, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:** Ford will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the rear brake disc surface for flatness, and replace the discs as necessary. Additionally, the wheel lug nuts will be replaced on all four wheels. The safety recall is expected to begin late January 2012.

### Bugaboo Car Seat Adapters

**Description:** This recall involves the Bugaboo car seat adapter models 80400GC01 and 80401GC02. The adapters are devices designed to attach car seats to stroller frames. They are made of silver aluminum tubing and black plastic connecting parts.

**Hazard:** When the adapter is used on a stroller that also has a wheeled board accessory attached for transporting a standing toddler, and the car seat is positioned so the child faces forward, the car seat can disconnect from the adapter and fall.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the adapter and contact Bugaboo for a free service kit and decals.

### Battat Magnetic Sketch Boards

**Description:** This recall involves 95,000 of the Toulouse-LapTrec magnetic sketch board, which has a white plastic writing surface bordered by either a red or brown plastic

frame, and has a bean bag type backing. A multicolored magnetic pen is affixed to the front of the sketchpad.

**Hazard:** The magnetic tip of the drawing pen can dislodge from the pen, posing a choking hazard to children.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take recalled sketch boards away from children and contact Battat to receive a free replacement sketch board.

### Build-A-Bear Colorful Hearts Teddy Bears

**Description:** This recall involves 248,000 of the Build-A-Bear Colorful Hearts Teddy is a stuffed animal about 16 inches high with black plastic eyes. The bear's fabric covering is printed with multi-colored heart shapes.

**Hazard:** The teddy bear's eyes could loosen and fall out, posing a choking hazard to children.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled teddy bear from children and return it to any Build-A-Bear store to receive a coupon for any available stuffed animal from Build-A-Bear.

### BatteriesPlus Replacement Battery Packs

**Description:** This recall involves over 111,000 RAYOVAC-branded replacement battery packs used with cordless power tools. “RAYOVAC,” “NI-CD” and a part number beginning with “CTL” are printed in white lettering on the product. The battery packs were sold in voltages ranging between 2.4 and 18 volts in various sizes and shapes. They were sold as replacement batteries to the following brand tools: Black & Decker, Bosch, DeWalt, Makita, Milwaukee, Panasonic, Ryobi and Skil.

**Hazard:** The replacement battery pack can explode unexpectedly, posing a risk of serious injury to consumers.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using and remove the battery packs from cordless tools. Consumers can contact BatteriesPlus for instructions on how to return the product for a store credit.

### HeathCo Motion Sensing Wall Lights

**Description:** This recall involves HeathCo/Zenith and WirelessCommand® motion sensing wall switches. The products come in white or ivory. The brand name and model number can be found on a label located on the side of the switch.

**Hazard:** When the switches are in the auto mode and the light is off, a small amount of leakage current passes through the electric circuit, including the socket. If consumers fail to disconnect the power at the circuit breaker and make contact with both terminals inside the socket while replacing the bulbs, there is a risk of an electric shock.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled wall switches and contact the company for a free wall switch replacement.

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### Tips for buying a safe, new car in the New Year

Buying a new car can be an overwhelming task. Luckily, safety professionals have put together a list of new features that are beneficial, and even essential, when purchasing a new car.



**Stability Control and ABS—**Both of these features can help drivers retain control of their vehicles in dangerous situations. When looking at vehicles with increased rollover risk, like trucks and SUVs, this is an essential feature to look for.

**Electronic Steering Control (ESC), Traction Control and AWD—**These features are useful if you live in an area with significant snowfall or rainfall because they can improve traction in poor weather and off-road conditions.

**Reverse Sensing—**These backup cameras help to prevent impacts with objects that might be below your line of sight.

**Roll Stability Control—**For vehicles that stand tall and have a high center of gravity, this feature reduces the risk of rollover in extreme cornering or evasive turning.

**Curve Control System (CCS)—**This is an extension of roll stability control. The system senses when you are entering a

curve too quickly and automatically slows the vehicle speed.

**Blind Spot Detection—**This feature warns a driver that a vehicle is in his or her blind spot by having sensors monitor the vehicle's sides and rear for other vehicles approaching and alerts the driver with lights mounted in either the side-view or rear-view mirrors or the door.

**Forward Collision Warning—**This feature senses when the vehicle ahead is slowing or stopped and alerts the driver of the risk of a possible crash. When your vehicle gets too close to the vehicle in front, a signal alerts the driver.

**Advanced Forward Lighting—**This is a term used for lights that can automatically adapt to changing road and visibility conditions.

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If someone other than your employer was at fault in your accident, you may have other rights.

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