



**RECALLED  
VEHICLES**

# Danger On Our Roadways

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# Recalled Vehicles: Danger on Our Roadways

## 45,000,000 Recalled Vehicles Still on the Road

Stricter regulations, standardization of parts, and new technologies have led automakers to increase recalls in the US in each of the last four consecutive years. According to JD Powers, **drivers and vehicle passengers are at significant risk because more than 45,000,000 recalled vehicles manufactured between 2013 and 2015 have not had their defects remedied.**

Data shows that the primary factors affecting recall completion rates are: vehicle age and type, number of cars involved in a recall, type of recall, parts shortages and dealers not receiving parts in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, a high percentage of recalled products are never returned or repaired. Many consumers have either never heard about a recall or have failed to act on a recall. So where do consumers go and what can they do? ■

## What To Do If You Have a Recalled Vehicle or Component

If you received a notice letter or have any questions at all, you should visit government websites such as:

- [www.Recalls.gov](http://www.Recalls.gov),
- [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov) or
- [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides recall information regarding vehicle and equipment campaigns from 1966 to the present. The campaigns include motor vehicle products which experienced a safety-related defect or did not comply with federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Murray Guari Trial Attorneys is here to help. **If you have any questions about a potential recall, do not hesitate to call us at 561-366-9099.** ■



**Here are some other important recall links:**

- **Recalls Look-up by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):**  
<https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>
- **Recalls by Model Year, Make & Model:**  
<http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchSafetyIssues>
- **File a Vehicle Safety Complaint:**  
<https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/VehicleComplaint/>
- **Subscribe to Email Recall Alerts:**  
<http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/subscriptions/index.cfm>

Consumers may also report suspected safety defects in their vehicle, vehicle equipment, and child safety seats by calling the NHTSA at 1-888-327-4236. ■

# What's in Your Trunk?

## Are Automakers Sacrificing the Spare Tire for Fuel Economy?

Being stranded on the side of a busy highway can be dangerous and scary for any driver; now, imagine you opening your trunk to access your spare tire only to learn there isn't one. The American Automobile Association (AAA) rescued a record 32 million drivers in 2015, including many vehicles that lacked a spare tire.



A AAA Report revealed that thirty-six percent of 2015 model-year vehicles were sold without a spare tire. **Automakers began eliminating spare tires to make vehicles lighter to meet fuel efficiency standards and to provide consumers with more space. Many consumers are unaware and have a false sense of security thinking they have a spare tire.**

The industry has been replacing spare tires with run flat tires, tire inflation kits, or tire repair kits, which are no substitute for a spare tire. These substitutes have their limitations including limited driving ability, product expiration dates, and limited usage, as it may not work based on your specific tire issue.

**What to do? When you buy a new vehicle, ask your dealer if it comes with a spare tire.** If there is no spare, ask about adding one as an option. Purchasing a spare tire kit, including a jack and tire iron, can cost consumers between \$150-\$600 depending on the car maker. In addition, research other safety options and tools available to you, like inflators, and learn how to use them prior to any emergency.

As with all tires, regular tire maintenance, including visual tire inspection, checking tire pressure, checking for tread wear and rotating the tires, goes a long way to improve your safety. ■

# Humans vs. Machines

## Are Drivers Ready for Autonomous Cars?

*Autonomous - Semi-Autonomous - Self-Driving - Hand Free - Driverless - Auto Pilot - Pilot Assist.*

These are new terms that are causing confusion as the auto industry and drivers embrace this new, fast changing technology and struggle with driver education, safety concerns, rules, regulations, and legal matters.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is working with companies who are developing driverless and partly autonomous cars to adapt existing safety rules and regulations to the new technologies. It is not an easy task. Unfortunately, the world experienced its first known fatality in a Tesla Model S Sedan using autonomous technology, not to mention, many now documented driverless car crashes.



It is vital that consumers understand this technology and innovation is evolving, and it will take some time before driving truly becomes autonomous or self-driving. Until then, vehicle owners are strongly encouraged to remain alert and to keep their hands on the steering wheel at all times, even when using the autopilot or the hands-free features. Today, we are not at a place where a driver can "simply check-out and not pay attention." ■

# Our New Website

## It's Here! Announcing the Launch of our Newly Redesigned Website

Murray Guari is proud to launch our newly redesigned website, **murrayguari.com**. We started our website with our clients' needs in mind. We focused on ease of use, aesthetics, simplifying our content, adding new valuable content and video, and increasing the visibility of our practice areas. The new design also allows for streamlined menus, clear navigation, and a responsive layout for all devices.

Start exploring our site to learn more about our full spectrum of services and supporting resources. We hope you enjoy our new website, and please feel free to send us some feedback via our website contact form. ■



### Modes of Transportation Word Search



### Circle-Word List

- |          |             |            |
|----------|-------------|------------|
| Airplane | Cruise Ship | Motorcycle |
| Bicycle  | Elevator    | Scooter    |
| Boat     | Escalator   | Train      |
| Bus      | Hoverboard  | Truck      |
| Car      | Jet Ski     | Van        |

### And The Answer is?

How many people in Florida sustain a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) each year?

- 97,000
- 18,600
- 3,800
- 519



\*See page 5 for answer.

# Supporting Our Community

## LLS Board Recognition

Attorney **Jason Guari** was recognized for his 2 years of service as Board Chair of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at its Volunteer Appreciation Reception at Nick and Johnnie's in Palm Beach. Congratulations Jason! Here Jason is pictured with LLS Vice Chair Jonathan Duerr. ■



## Adopt a School

Attorneys and Palm Beach County Bar Association Young Lawyer member **Scott Perry** (Treasurer) was busy stuffing zip lock bags with snacks as part of their Adopt a School program. These will be distributed, along with drawstring back packs and over \$4,000 worth of school supplies to their adopted school. ■



## Thank You For Your Confidence And Trust In Us

We at Murray Guari are thankful and humbled by the **positive feedback from our clients**. We remain strong on our focus – helping our clients when they need it most. Here, we share a recent comment provided by a client:

*With the help of Attorneys Scott Murray and Jason Guari, my husband and [I] were greatly [compensated]. In February 2014, we [were] struck from behind due to a drunk driver. My husband and I went through a great deal of stress in terms of seeking medical attention and losing much time from work. Scott and Jason always made themselves available with any questions and concerns we had. In addition, they have an amazing office staff who are also so sufficient and obviously care about what they do. During this process, Scott and Jason proved they always had our best interest in mind rather than just rushing to settle our case. We are forever [grateful].*

~AP

## Murray Guari – Hablamos Español

Nosotros, tanto como usted, llamamos el Sur de la Florida nuestro hogar. Practicamos la ley de lesiones personales en todas partes de la Florida y estamos orgullosos de ofrecer nuestros servicios en los condados de Palm Beach, Broward, Martin, y Treasure Coast. Tenemos más de 30 años de experiencia legal combinada. Si usted tiene un accidente de auto, un resbalón o caída, un producto defectuoso, negligencia médica o algún otro tipo de negligencia, llámenos al (561) 366-9099 o póngase en contacto con nosotros en el Internet en [www.murrayguari.com](http://www.murrayguari.com). Nosotros tenemos un abogado disponible para hablar con usted en cualquier momento. ■



## Meet Michelle Bartolotta

Michelle joined the firm in April 2016. She is a Legal Assistant for the Pre-Litigation Department supporting the Senior Paralegal and the firm's attorneys working up and preparing cases for demands and settlement. She is also recently engaged. Congratulations to Michelle! ■

# Recognitions

Our attorneys have been recognized on the local and national levels for their achievements in law, as well as their community leadership and other activities.



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## How Can We Help?

At Murray Guari Trial Attorneys PL, we **represent victims** throughout Florida who have suffered serious personal injuries due to the negligence of others. At our firm, you will find a team that is **truly concerned about your well-being and getting justice for you**. We are proud that our clients come to us based on a personal recommendation from past clients and from other attorneys in the community who respect our reputation and the quality of our work. We would be honored to put our experience, skill and integrity to work for you. ■



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