

## Staying up on recalls can protect you from harm

**F**rom a baby stroller to ground beef, we expect the products we buy to work and be safe.

Most of the time, everything is fine.

But problems can still happen. When they do, you might hear a word that sounds scary but is meant to protect you: recall. Thousands of recalls occur every year in the U.S. for a range of products.



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### Quick facts on product recalls:

**1** Products are usually safe, but sometimes things go wrong. Food you bought might have spoiled too fast. A car might have a faulty airbag. What that happens, a company might recall the products to keep you from harm.



**2** Food recalls are often due to germs in the product that can make you sick. Or sometimes an ingredient is left off a label, which can be bad for people with allergies.

**3** Other product recalls protect you from physical danger. A car with a faulty motor could cause a crash. A faulty baby stroller could cause injury.

**4** If you bought a recalled product, stop using it right away. The maker may advise you to throw the product away or send it in for repair.

**5** Product makers or government agencies might contact you by email or phone about a problem. You can also sign up to be notified about recalls through government websites.



>> For more information, visit [Recalls.gov](http://Recalls.gov) and [FoodSafety.gov](http://FoodSafety.gov)