

# DOT AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE

If you own a vehicle that you feel has a safety defect you should report the problem to the Hotline at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT Auto Safety Hotline specializes in gathering information about safety problems in motor vehicles and equipment such as tires and child safety seats and is your chance to help identify these problems which sometimes lead to recalls. The Hotline can be dialed toll free at **1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236)**.

In operation since 1975, the DOT Auto Safety Hotline is NHTSA's single point of contact, where you can obtain information about motor vehicle safety, child safety seats, vehicle safety defects, vehicle importation and certification, air bags, and highway safety. You may also speak with a consultant who will file a report on your vehicle's safety defect and provide you with recall and other valuable information. All of these services are available by mail or fax from the Hotline and through the Internet at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline) where you can now file your safety defect report online. Your report can help NHTSA evaluate the problem you are experiencing with your vehicle and determine if a recall and remedy by the manufacturer will be required.

NHTSA encourages associations, schools, companies, clubs, government agencies, and other organizations to help increase awareness of the Hotline by starting their own Hotline awareness programs. You can order posters, flyers, and other complimentary literature for your program by doing to the home page, [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline), and clicking on Outreach Program. You may also contact Gene Luke at 202-366-0988, fax 202-366-7882, or e-mail [gene.luke@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:gene.luke@nhtsa.dot.gov) to order Hotline literature, which will be delivered to your organization at no charge.