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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

(NHTSA Recall Number: 19V109)

This notice applies to your vehicle: (Insert VIN)

March 19, 2019

Dear Kia Sedona Owner:

Kia has identified a defect in your vehicle which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Kia Motors has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2015-2018 MY Sedona vehicles equipped with a manual front passenger seat. The defect may cause the airbag to deploy even if the passenger seat is occupied by a child. In the event of a crash, deployment of the front passenger airbag increases the risk of injury to a child in a Child Restraint System ("CRS").


What Is The Problem?

The wiring harness underneath the front passenger seat which connects the Occupant Detection System (ODS) unit to the mat sensor is kept in place by various clips. When the seat is occupied by a passenger, the weight of the passenger on the seat cushion may cause the wiring harness to bend. Over time, repeated bending can break the wiring harness. If the wiring harness breaks, the ODS will not suppress the front passenger airbag. As a result, if a crash of sufficient severity occurs, the airbag will deploy even if the passenger seat is occupied by a child.

Kia Will Remove the Harness Clip Closest to the ODS Control Unit at No Cost to You.

Kia has advised its authorized dealers to remove the harness clip closest to the ODS control unit on the affected vehicles to prevent the wiring harness from bending. Also, if the wiring harness is found damaged, dealers will replace the front passenger seat cushion. This work will be performed at Kia's expense at no cost to you.

What Should You Do

- **MAKE A SERVICE APPOINTMENT.** Please contact your Kia dealer to schedule a service appointment at your earliest convenience. The time required to remove the harness clip is approximately one (1) hour, but it will take more time if the front seat cushion needs to be replaced. So a service appointment is an important way of minimizing your inconvenience. Please present this notice when you arrive at the Kia dealer.
- **AVOID PLACING INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT.** Never place infants or young children in the front passenger seat, either on the seat itself OR in a child seat. Please review your Owner's Manual and sun visor warning label for detailed information.
- **CHECK FOR ILLUMINATION OF YOUR AIRBAG WARNING LIGHT.** When this condition occurs, 1) the SRS airbag warning light on the instrument panel will illuminate and 2) the "PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF" indicator light turns off. If, prior to the completion of this safety recall campaign, the SRS airbag warning light  remains illuminated after the engine has started or illuminates while driving AND the "PASSENGER AIRBAG OFF" indicator light turns off even if the passenger seat is occupied by a child, contact your dealer to schedule an appointment.
- To find your nearest dealer, visit www.kia.com and click the "Find Dealer" button in the upper right corner ("Dealers" on a mobile device). You can also use the QR code below with your mobile device to access this information (see the bottom of this letter for more information about QR code use):



What If You Have Already Paid To Have This Situation Corrected?

If you have incurred expense to remedy this issue prior to the date of this notice, you may have the opportunity to obtain reimbursement for that expense. You may submit your receipts online to Kia via the Owners section of www.kia.com or mail your receipts with the attached Request for Reimbursement Form directly to Kia for review and consideration:

**Consumer Assistance Center
Kia Motors America, Inc
P.O. Box 52410
Irvine, CA 92619-2410
1-800-333-4542**

The Kia Consumer Assistance Center is available at the number listed above if you have any questions or require assistance in submitting your claim.

Pursuant to the General Reimbursement Plan issued by Kia pursuant to Federal Regulation 49 CFR 573.13, Kia will use its best efforts to respond to your claim within sixty (60) days of receipt and at that time Kia may either accept or reject that claim or it may request more information to evaluate the claim.

Have You Changed Your Address Or Sold Your Kia?

If you have changed your home address, sold your Kia vehicle, or no longer own your vehicle, please complete the attached prepaid "Change of Address/Ownership" card and mail it to us. You can also contact the Consumer Assistance Center phone number listed above.

What If You Are A Vehicle Lessor?

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

What If You Have Other Questions?

If your dealer does not respond to your service request in a timely manner, we suggest that you call Kia's Consumer Assistance Center at 1-800-333-4542. This number has TTY capability. If you still are not satisfied that we have remedied this situation without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

This action has been taken in the interest of your safety, and we regret any inconvenience this situation may cause you.

Sincerely,

Consumer Affairs Department

QR Code Use:

- A QR Code is a square, 2-dimensional barcode that can be read by mobile devices loaded with an appropriate barcode or **QR Code Reader App**. The app reads the barcode image and then launches/uploads the specific information the code contains, such as URLs, text, photos, videos.
- With a mobile device, **download a QR Code Reader App**. With many devices, you can do this through an app store or marketplace.
- **Open the QR Code Reader App on your mobile device. The app will utilize your device's camera.** Center the code in the camera viewing area. With some apps, the URL or other information will automatically load when the code is recognized. For others, you may have to snap or take a picture of the QR code. **Refer to the QR Reader Code App instructions.**

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FORM

2015-2018 MY Kia Sedona Front Passenger Seat Occupant Detection System (ODS) Wiring Harness
Safety Recall Campaign

If you have incurred expense to remedy this issue prior to the date of this notice, you may have the opportunity to obtain reimbursement for that expense. You may submit your receipts, along with this Request for Reimbursement form online to Kia via the Owners section (Contact Kia) of www.kia.com.

If you do not have access to a computer or prefer to submit your request by mail, please complete this Request for Reimbursement and mail it directly to Kia for review and consideration, along with backup documentation, at the following address:

Consumer Assistance Center
Kia Motors America, Inc.
P. O. Box 52410
Irvine, CA 92619-2410
1-800-333-4542

Please allow at least sixty (60) days for review and response.

Customer Name: _____

Customer Address: _____

Customer City, State, Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Vehicle Identification Number: _____ (17 digits)

Mileage at Time of Repair: _____ Date of Repair: _____

Amount of Reimbursement Requested: \$_____

Attach the following:

- o **Repair Order showing:**
 - o Name & address of person paying for the repair
 - o Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of vehicle repaired
 - o **Description of the problem repaired**
 - Date of repair and mileage on the vehicle at the time of repair
 - Total cost of repair expense being claimed
- o **Evidence of Payment of Repair showing:**
 - o Date of Payment
 - o Amount Paid **(e.g. copies of cancelled check or credit card receipt)**

I certify that the documents attached to this Request for Reimbursement are true and accurate and should be used as the basis for a reimbursement to me under this safety recall campaign.

CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE:

Signature

Print Name