<u>Defective Air Bags Pose Multiple Dangers</u>

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Air bags save thousands of lives every year; however, a defective airbag can cause unnecessary harm to passengers, and those who have suffered injuries as a result of air bag problems may be entitled to compensation for their injuries.

Victims of auto accidents often suffer unnecessary injuries as a result of defective air bag systems. Some of the problems may include airbags that:

- Deploy with excessive force and speed
- Carry inadequate warnings
- Are too big
- Deploy unnecessarily in low-speed accidents
- Malfunction because of electrical problems
- Fail to deploy properly because of faulty sensors

Passengers who most commonly suffer injuries from defective air bags are children and small-statured women. Defective air bags can cause blindness, severe head injuries, brain damage and even death. Laws against selling defective air bags "knowingly and intentionally" make doing so a felony punishable by a fine of \$10,000 and up to three years in jail. In these cases, people who have suffered injuries as a result of the installation of defective air bags may recover damages from dealers who installed them or even car manufacturers.

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