



Kia America, Inc.  
Corporate Headquarters  
111 Peters Canyon Road, Irvine, CA 92606-1790 USA

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

(NHTSA Recall Number: 22V703)

This notice applies to your vehicle: (Insert VIN)

### FOLLOW-UP NOTICE

July 27, 2023

Dear Kia Sportage Vehicle 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 America, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2017-2022 MY Sportage vehicles equipped with a Genuine Kia tow hitch harness accessory. The defect can cause a fire, increasing the risk of injury. Our records indicate that you own or lease one of the potentially affected vehicles. **The final remedy is now available for your vehicle. If you did not have the initial remedy performed, it will be performed at the same time as the final remedy.**

#### What Is The Problem?

A fire may occur in the area of the tow hitch harness module while driving or while the vehicle is parked with the ignition off. Debris and moisture contamination on the tow hitch harness module printed circuit board (PCB) may cause an electrical short circuit, increasing the risk of a fire. A fire increases the risk of injury.

**Kia Will Replace the Tow Hitch Harness Module Free of Charge At No Cost to You. In Addition, Kia Will Install A New Fuse (If Not Previously Done) Free of Charge At No Cost To You.**

**If you had the initial remedy completed (fuse replacement):** Kia dealers will replace the tow hitch harness module. This recall will be performed **free of charge at no cost to you**. The estimated time required to perform the recall will be approximately one (1) hour. We recommend scheduling a service appointment to minimize your inconvenience.

**If you have not had the initial remedy completed:** Kia dealers will replace the tow hitch harness module. In addition, Kia dealers will install a new fuse with a different capacity to address the fire risk while the vehicle is in operation or parked. This recall will be performed **free of charge at no cost to you**. The estimated time required to perform the recall will be approximately one (1) to two (2) hours. We recommend scheduling a service appointment to minimize your inconvenience.

#### What Should You Do?

- In the interest of the safety of your passengers, as well as your own safety, contact your authorized Kia dealer to schedule a service appointment to have the recall performed on your vehicle.
- **Park your vehicle outdoors and away from other vehicles or structures until you have the recall performed.**
- To find your nearest dealer, visit [www.kia.com](http://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](http://www.kia.com) or mail your receipts with a copy of the attached Request for Reimbursement form directly to Kia for review and consideration:

Kia Customer Care Center  
Kia America, Inc.  
P.O. Box 52410  
Irvine, CA 92619-2410  
1-800-333-4542

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 Kia Customer Care Center phone number listed below.

**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 Customer Care 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,

Customer Care 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

2016-2022 MY SORENTO, 2021-2023 MY SORENTO HEV, 2022-2023 MY SORENTO PHEV, AND 2017-2022 MY SPORTAGE VEHICLES  
TOW HITCH HARNESS - SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN (SC249)

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](http://www.kia.com)** (MyKia>Contact Us or directly at this link: <https://ksupport.kiausa.com/ConsumerAffairs>).

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 to the following address for review and consideration, along with backup documentation:

Kia Customer Care Center  
Kia 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.**

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Attach the following:

- **Repair Order showing:**
  - Name & address of person paying for the repair
  - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of vehicle repaired
  - **Description of the problem repaired**
    - Date of repair, mileage at the time of repair and total cost of claimed repair expense
- **Evidence of Payment of Repair showing:**
  - Date of Payment
  - 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 campaign.

CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE:

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Signature

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Print Name