



Kia America, Inc.
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RENOTIFICATION IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

(NHTSA Recall Number: 22V703)

This notice applies to your vehicle: (Insert VIN)

AUGUST 26, 2024

THIS IS A RENOTIFICATION OF AN EARLIER COMMUNICATION ISSUED ON JULY 27, 2023, WHICH NOTIFIED OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED 2017-2022 MY KIA SPORTAGE VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH A GENUINE KIA TOW HITCH HARNESS ACCESSORY OF A SAFETY RECALL. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE CURRENT REGISTERED OWNER OF THIS VEHICLE AND THAT THIS RECALL HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

KIA IS REQUESTING THAT YOU CONTACT AN AUTHORIZED KIA DEALERSHIP IMMEDIATELY TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO INSPECT AND, IF NECESSARY, REPLACE THE TOW HITCH HARNESS MODULE AND INSTALL A NEW FUSE (IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE) AT NO COST TO YOU.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN YOUR VEHICLE TO A KIA DEALER AND HAD THIS SAFETY RECALL PERFORMED, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.

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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 it is equipped with a Genuine Kia tow hitch harness accessory. 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 Inspect And, If Necessary, 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 inspect and, if necessary, 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 inspect and, if necessary, 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 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 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**.

