

**2023MY Kia Sportage
Side Curtain Airbag
Basis of Safety Defect Determination 573.6(c)(6)**

November 17, 2022	Kia R&D Center engineers attend FMVSS 226 compliance testing conducted by NHTSA's Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance of a 2023MY Kia Sportage produced on 9/15/2022 at Kia Georgia. Following the test, Kia R&D informs Kia North America (Kia NA) Safety Office that the driver's side curtain airbag did not properly deploy. Cause of improper deployment unknown.
November 17-18, 2022	Kia NA Safety Office conducts field data analysis of all 2023MY Kia Sportage variants and identifies no data involving a similar improper deployment.
November 18, 2022	Kia NA decides to recall certain 2023MY Kia Sportage as a precautionary measure. No fatalities, injuries, crashes or fires.