

*Featured Case:*

## Exploding Airbag II

It had months to be fixed, we discovered a 2016 Cooper FIRM case involving exploding airbags. We filed its suit. We presented it regularly to the rest, and we were right. In May 2018, the U.S. DOJ announced a national recall of Takata manufactured airbags affecting nearly all motor vehicles. The defective airbags release with such force that the internal parts break apart and burst through the airbag the original mean explosion, leading to serious injury or death.

As of May 2018, this recall has extended to over 75 million vehicles. Most affected drivers have a plan in place for replacing the airbags through 2018. According to the DOJ, DOJ will receive notification in several forms if your car is included in the Takata recall. However, we encourage you to visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov), and look for ADI recalls associated with your car.

Contact us for a complimentary case consultation if you or someone you know has been injured as a result of the airbag deployment. [▶](#)

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## You Mean My Baby Powder Can Give Me Cancer?

**And Other Questions About Takata Products...** By Pat Dawson

**What is talc and for?** Talcum powder is simply a ground up version of talc. Talc is a silty mineral composed of hydrated magnesium silicate and is one of the softest minerals known.

**What is talc used for?** According to Wikipedia, "Talc is used in many industries—including paper making, plastic, paint and coatings, rubber, food, electric cable, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and ceramics. A coarse grayish-green high-talc rock is calcined or steamed, used for stoves, sinks, electrical nonferrous, magnets, soap, etc. It is often used for surfaces of lab counter tops and electrical switchboards because of its resistance to heat, electricity and acids. Talc finds usage as a cosmetic talcum powder, shoe lubricant, and as a filler in paper manufacture.



Talc, with heavy refinement, has been used in baby powder, an astringent powder used to prevent rashes on the area covered by a diaper. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that parents not use talc powder because it poses a risk of respiratory problems—including breathing trouble and serious lung damage if the talc enters it. The particles are so small that it is difficult to keep them out of the air while applying the powder.

For years, women have used it for personal hygiene. Johnson & Johnson advertised it for this purpose.

### **Research indicates it is**

Despite the well known dangers of asbestos, talc often contained asbestos, presumably from its close proximity to asbestos ore which is found in similar geological strata as the talc.

### **Surely that couldn't, right?**

Yes, since 1971 the law requires talc to be asbestos-free.