



## **Patients Who Received IVC Filters to Prevent Blood Clots Are at Serious Risk of Strokes and Other Injuries**



Surgery patients who are at high risk of blood clotting take note: your implanted medical device may not keep you safe after all. Consumer warnings have been raised about the small, metal implants known as IVC filters. These filters are implanted post-surgically into the inferior vena cava (IVC) to trap and dissolve blood clots before they can travel to the lungs. However, many lawsuits have been filed claiming that blood clots can escape from the filter, and that the filter itself can migrate out of position, causing additional injuries. In 2010, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a safety alert warning about the potential for these filters to fail, leading to pierced veins, metal fragments in the heart and lungs, and potentially fatal pulmonary embolism. Get the facts

on current [IVC filter lawsuits](#) and find out how to take action to prevent a serious injury!

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## Is Your Car Seat Still the Best Way to Protect Your Child in a Crash?



You may have upgraded backpacks and lunch boxes, but if you're still using an old car seat, you could be placing your children at risk. As kids prepare to go back to school, parents can help keep them safe from traffic accidents by participating in Child Passenger Safety Week from September 13th – 19th. This awareness campaign ends with National Seat Check Saturday, an opportunity for parents to double-check their car seats, booster seats, and seat belt placements to make sure their kids will be protected in a crash. Get our tips on [how to choose the right car seat](#) for your child, what to keep in mind when buying a new child seat, and how to register your car seat to stay ahead of recalls and safety warnings.

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## Parents Can Help Prevent Back-to-School Car Crashes



Has your child taken the keys for the first time this year? New drivers lack road experience, making the short drive to school a potential minefield for [teen driver car accidents](#). Instead of warning teens about the dangers of the road, parents can have a much greater effect on their children by taking a hands-on approach to improving driving skills. Find out the common causes of teen car crashes, how to approach each one, and how to set clear rules and goals for using the car (and getting your teen to stick to them).

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## Even at Low Speeds, Pedal Errors Cause Deadly Car Accidents



Sometimes the simplest mistakes can have the deadliest consequences. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 16,000 preventable [car accidents from pedal mistakes](#) occur every year. For drivers who confuse the gas and brake pedals, a moment's confusion can cause serious or fatal injuries in parking lots, crosswalks, driveways, and other situations where the driver expected to stop but suddenly accelerated. Learn how to identify the risks and learn some effective prevention techniques to help drive safely at any speed!

