



2014's safest vehicles on the market

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Thinking about buying a new vehicle? Before you roll your new ride off the lot, make sure it meets safety standards. To help keep you and your family safe, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) has released its list of the top safest 2014 vehicles.

According to the [IIHS article](#) the organization bases its safety standards upon “good performance in the Institute’s moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraint tests... along with at least a basic rating for front crash prevention...”

Winning highest honors in the small cars division was the [Honda Civic 4-door](#). Dominating the safety requirements in the Midsize Moderately priced selection was the [Ford Fusion](#), and the [Infiniti Q50](#) stole the show in the Midsize Luxury class. For large luxury vehicles, the [Acura RLX](#) took center stage. In the SUV realm, the [Mazda CX-5](#) (built after October 2013), the [Toyota Highlander](#) and the [Acura MDX](#) reigned. Finally, for families considering a minivan, the [Honda Odyssey](#) was considered the safest on the market by the IIHS.

In addition to listing the safest vehicles, the [IIHS website](#) also offers some additional advice for safety aspects to look for when purchasing a new vehicle. This includes considering heavier, larger vehicles as they often handle impact better than smaller ones. Additionally, it is important to look for a “crashworthy” design that includes airbags, proper seat belts and other tested features. Finally, many new models are now offering built-in technologies such as review cameras and warning alerts designed with safety in mind.

Before choosing the right vehicle for your family, review the entire list of “top safety pick” and “top safety pick+” 2014 vehicles, visit the [IIHS website](#).

