

# Life-saver 'eCall' system for new cars urged by MEPs

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Because the [auto industry](#) appears reluctant to voluntarily install the satellite-based system, which automatically alerts emergency services in case of a serious accident, MEPS called for eCall to be mandatory in new cars.

"The [European Parliament](#) has given its clear support for all motorists in Europe to benefit from an emergency call system free of charge," a parliament resolution said.

"Since the voluntary approach has failed, we urge the Commission to propose legislative measures as soon as possible to ensure the eCall system will be mandatory," it added.

The device alerts rescue services to [road crashes](#) using the 112 public emergency call system.

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