

## **Profits Over Safety**

In today's world, companies are faced with extraordinary pressure to meet profit margins and earnings expectations. Research suggests that some companies reduce safety-related expenditures such as oversight and employee training in order to maximize profit. On top of that, some employees are asked to work more hours, thus increasing the risk of injury to themselves or others. [Read Article Here.](#)

This formula has dangerous and deadly consequences to workers and the public.

In other contexts, manufacturers that place profit over safety likely place dangerous products into the stream of commerce. For instance, *The New York Times* reported in 2016 that General Motors changed the design of certain airbags in order to save a few dollars per vehicle. [Read Article Here.](#)

In doing so, the infamous Takata airbag inflator was used. This decision placed millions of people at risk across the world and led to the largest recall in the history of the automotive industry. It is reported that at least 14 people were killed, and dozens of others injured, by the faulty airbag inflators chosen by General Motors in order to save money.

Safety should be the most important concern for companies, their executives and their engineers. But the fact remains that sometimes decisions are made based on profit considerations rather than safety.

The attorneys at Lanier & Burroughs are ready to help you with a workplace safety concern or injury caused by the use of a product. For more information or to speak to one of our attorneys, please contact us today.