



WHEN SECRECY KILLS

Courts too often shield information about products and toxic conditions that put our lives at risk. **The Public Right to Know Act (SB 1149) returns the courts to the people.**

HEALTH & MEDICINE

Oxycontin	For over 12 years, courts sealed information showing Purdue knew drug was highly addictive and still recommended that doctors prescribe excessive doses	Hundreds of thousands died
Essure Birth Control	California courts sealed documents showing Bayer knew product was defective; Public Justice helped in getting key records unsealed in 2020	Tens of thousands of people suffered severe injuries, miscarriages and deaths
Pelvic Mesh	Johnson & Johnson settled over 40,000 individual cases; documents still under seal concerning what J&J knew about severe injuries caused by product	More than 200 known deaths; with over 100,000 serious injuries stretching across multiple districts and states

PRODUCT SAFETY

Car Seatback Defects	Every car company has known that front seatbacks collapse backward in rear-end accidents; documents from Toyota and others remain secret after over three decades	Over 11,000 deaths from 2000-2015; over 1,000 were infants & toddlers in rear child car seats, including 300+ in CA
Cooper Tires	Courts, including in CA, kept information secret that tires had no protections to keep belts from separating, causing shredding and death	Hundreds of deaths
Remington Rifles	Courts sealed documents and settlements showing Remington knew in 1946 that rifle would fire without trigger being pulled	Dozens of deaths; hundreds of injuries