

Did you know?

Tired or stressed parents can overlook a sleeping baby when leaving a car.

Each year hundreds of children are hospitalized or killed after accidentally setting a car in motion.

On average, 38 children die in hot cars each year from heat-related illnesses.

Other vehicle-related dangers include: seatbelt strangulation, accidents involving power windows, falls, kidnapping, and carbon monoxide poisoning.



Never Leave a Child Alone in a Car

Not Even for a Minute

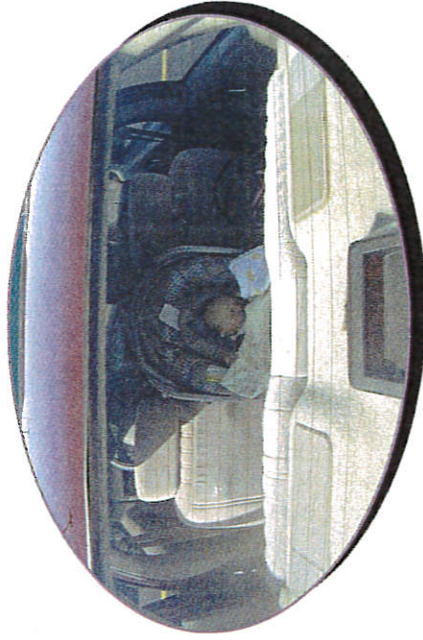
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Never Leave Children in Cars

What are the risks?

A child's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's due to lower water reserves.

Hyperthermia can occur in minutes, and fatalities within 2 hours.

Hyperthermia can occur on days as cool as just 72° degrees, when the inside of a car can quickly reach over 100°.

A child dies when his or her temperature reaches 107°.

Initial Air Temperature (°F)	100	107	113	129	147
	95	102	108	124	142
	90	97	103	119	137
	85	92	98	114	132
	80	87	93	109	127
	75	82	88	104	122
	70	77	83	99	117
	5	10	30	60	
	Time Interval (minutes)				

Source: UGA Today

Prevent Trunk Entrapment

Teach children to not play in any vehicle.

Lock all doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle.

Check vehicle and truck FIRST if a child is missing.

Prevention Tips

Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.

Place your personal items (purse, computer) in the backseat. That way you are more likely to see that the child is still with you when you exit the car.

Place the child's personal items (diaper bag, bottle) in the front seat as a reminder to you.

Add a daily "reminder" to your computer or cellphone to ensure you've dropped your child off.

Whenever there is a change in drop off and pick up arrangements, confirm the plan worked out..

Arrange that your day care provider will call you if the child is not dropped off when expected.

Safety Facts

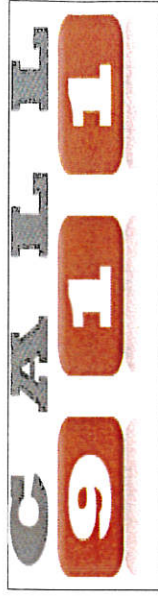
Cracking your window has very little effect on its temperature.

Children left unattended in a vehicle are at risk of being kidnapped.

Children left unattended in a vehicle can push buttons, disengage the brakes, put the car in gear or even leave the vehicle and walk away.

What can I do?

Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.



If the child is not responsive and appears in great distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child, even if that means breaking a window.

If the child is in distress due to heat, get the child out of the car as quickly as possible. Cool the child rapidly (not in an ice bath) by spraying the child with cool water.

ACT

A: Avoid heatstroke. Never leave a child in a car not even for a minute!

C: Create reminders. Place a personal item in the backseat; that way you are more likely to remember that a child is in the backseat.

T: Take action! Call 911 when you see a child left inside a vehicle even if the windows are down.

