

HOT as an OVEN!

NEVER leave a child alone in a car— *even for a minute!*



Outside
101°F
Temperature
Inside Vehicle
Temperature
140°F

44 children died from heat exposure last year in the U.S.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows slightly open.

Routines and distractions have caused people to mistakenly leave children behind in cars.

- Place an item that is to be carried from the car, such as a cell phone, purse, briefcase, or gym bag, in the floor in front of the child in the backseat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping little kids at daycare. Have a plan with your daycare if your child is late that you will be called within a few minutes.
- Set your cell phone or Blackberry to remind you to drop your child off at daycare.
- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off your child at daycare today?"

Prevent trunk entrapment.

- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle—especially at home.
- Keep keys out of children's reach. Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.
- Check vehicles and trunks first if a child goes missing.



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