



NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE

Most well-meaning parents have done it. On a hectic day of running errands with children in tow, we have left the kids in the car "just for a minute" while running into the drycleaners, convenience mart or dropping another child off at school. It seems like a harmless thing to do and definitely shaves minutes off a hurried day. However, the results of leaving a child unattended in a vehicle can be deadly.

KIDS AND CARS urges parents to **NEVER** leave children unattended in or around a vehicle - "Not even for a minute."

Below are just a few examples of what has happened to children who were left unattended in an automobile:

- Heat stroke that led to permanent brain damage or death
- Injuries or deaths occurred because a child climbed out of the car seat and shifted the car into gear
- Became ill or worse from heat or car fumes
- Abducted when someone broke into a car

If the vehicle is running or keys are left in the ignition, the risks dramatically increase for the following:

- Vehicle stolen (the car and the children)
- Setting the vehicle in motion by unattended children
- Children becoming seriously injured or die by activating power controls

We do not mean to preach, but it is important to realize how potentially dangerous it is to leave unattended children in or around a vehicle.

Just a reminder...Your children are priceless.

NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN OR AROUND VEHICLES.

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