Child Vehicular HEATSTROKE DEATHS vs Child Front Seat PASSENGER DEATHS

This chart illustrates as we reduced airbag deaths, the number of children dying in hot cars continues to grow.

From 1990-2019, 186 children were killed by over-powered air bags in the front passenger seat. During that same time-frame more than 944 children died in hot vehicles. Children can be unknowingly left behind in the back seat by even the most responsible parents and caregivers. Always remember to open the back car door after parking your vehicle and ‘Look Before You Lock.’

Children should never ride in the front seat; they are MUCH safer properly restrained in the back seat.

Airbag deaths: Special Crash Investigations, DOT HS 811 261 January 2010
Heatstroke deaths: KidsAndCars.org database (as of January, 2020)