

# Missouri State Law

## *Revised Statutes*

### Chapter 568 Offenses Against the Family Section 568.052

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#### **Leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle who causes an accident--first and second degree, penalties.**

568.052. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

- (1) "Collision", the act of a motor vehicle coming into contact with an object or a person;
- (2) "Injury", physical harm to the body of a person;
- (3) "Motor vehicle", any automobile, truck, truck-tractor, or any motor bus or motor-propelled vehicle not exclusively operated or driven on fixed rails or tracks;
- (4) "Unattended", not accompanied by an individual fourteen years of age or older.

2. A person commits the crime of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle in the first degree if such person knowingly leaves a child ten years of age or less unattended in a motor vehicle and such child fatally injures another person by causing a motor vehicle collision or by causing the motor vehicle to fatally injure a pedestrian. Such person shall be guilty of a class C felony.

3. A person commits the crime of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle in the second degree if such person knowingly leaves a child ten years of age or less unattended in a motor vehicle and such child injures another person by causing a motor vehicle collision or by causing the motor vehicle to injure a pedestrian. Such person shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

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