

KidsandCars.org

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I was fortunate to attend an Injury Board conference this past week and hear Janette Fennell, President and Founder of KidsandCars.org speak. It goes without saying that she is a tremendous speaker. I usually find that people who are passionate about their life's work usually are. However, Mrs. Fennell was unique to me. Not only was she a fantastic speaker, you could see in her eyes that it was very real for her.

We spoke after her speech. I learned that 50 children a week are being backed over by cars in the United States resulting in 2 deaths a week. WoW. When you think about who is involved, it doesn't take long to realize that kids are being harmed unintentionally by their own family members and friends a significant amount of the time.

After traveling back from Florida yesterday, I just saw this tragic story of a Sugarland father who left his 7 month old baby in his truck all day this past Thursday while he attended a conference. You say, how could anyone do that? Well, having just having the benefit of hearing Mrs. Fennell's presentation, I get it.

Another statistic we Texans should not be proud of - we lead the nation in the number of children who die inside hot cars.

If you want more information on the subject, please visit the KidsandCars.org website. Suggestions from the organization include:

Put something you'll need, like your cell phone, purse or employee ID, on the floor board of the back seat.

Get in the habit of always opening the back door of your car every time you reach your destination to make sure no child has been left behind.

Keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat when it's not occupied. When your child is in the car seat, move the stuffed animal to the front passenger seat as a visual reminder that your child is in the back.

Our thoughts and prayers to this family in their time of mourning.

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