

Child deaths in hot vehicles rise to 14 after incidents in Texas, West Virginia

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The 2012 death toll from children being left in hot vehicles has sadly reached 14 after two separate incidents since Friday in Texas and West Virginia.

Authorities say a 3-year-old boy died after being left in daycare center van in Dallas, Texas on Friday.

According to [NBC 5-TV](#), Dallas Fire-Rescue received the call from Little T's Tiny Tot Daycare, just before 5:15 p.m. CT.

Dallas police Lt. Scott Walton said the little boy was left in a hot van outside the daycare after a field trip for possibly over two hours.

The child was given CPR as he was transported to Baylor Hospital but

doctors pronounced him dead at the hospital.

The high temperature in Dallas reached a scorching 105 degrees, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

In another incident, authorities say a 3-year-old girl died after being left in a hot vehicle in the Silverton area in West Virginia on Sunday.



3-year-old Benjamin Price dies after being left in hot daycare van in Dallas, TX on Friday (July 20, 2012) - Photo credit: (NBC 5)

According to [WSAV 3-TV](#), the family had just gotten back from church and had several children and adults in a SUV.

Investigators say everyone got out the vehicle except for the 3-year-old girl

who was left in the vehicle for about three hours before her family realized she was missing around 3:30 p.m. ET. She died in the driveway.

The NWS says the high temperature in the Silverton area reached 87 degrees.

These are the 13th and 14th such incidents to occur so far this year.

Ten states have now reported child deaths from being left in hot vehicles including Mississippi (2), Louisiana (1), Texas (3), Tennessee (2), Missouri (1), Kentucky (1), Arizona (1) West Virginia (1), Indiana (1) and North Carolina (1), according to [ggweather.com](#), a website that has been tracking child deaths in hot vehicles since 1998.

Sadly, an average of 38 children die each year after being left or becoming trapped in vehicles during the hot weather, which comes out to be one every nine days, according to [KidsAndCars.org](#).

Last year, 33 accidental child deaths occurred in hot vehicles across 16 states.

Parents and or other caregivers are urged to double check their vehicles to make sure all occupants are out before they walk away.

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