

Don't Forget Kids in Hot Cars

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With more hot weather on the way, safety advocates hope two recent tragedies won't be repeated.

Two young children in Milton and Edmonton have died in recent days after being left in sweltering cars, where temperatures climbed well above 40 degrees Celcius.

John McKiggin, chair of Kids and Cars Canada, says it can take only minutes for a forgotten child to suffer severe heat stroke and death if left in a car on a hot day.

He adds it can happen to anyone.

McKiggin says on a hot day the temperature inside a car can hit 50 degrees celcius in as little as 10 minutes. He says that's too much for a young child to bear.

McKiggin suggests keeping a teddy bear in a child seat in the car.

When you buckle your child in, move the teddy bear to the passenger seat to remind you of the child in the back.

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