

## Back over accidents change the lives of children, parents

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**TROTWOOD, Ohio** — Keilyn Jackson is doing something that doctors never thought he would, and that he is walking and playing like any other 2-year-old.

"He's my miracle baby. God has really blessed him and brought him a long way," said Felicia Jackson, Keilyn's mother. Last September, Keilyn was backed over in his stroller by a neighborhood teen and dragged beneath her car. At 13-months-old, Keilyn suffered a fractured skull, jaw, leg and shoulder. He underwent multiple surgeries at Dayton Children's Hospital.

"They didn't know if he was going to make it or not," said Jackson.

Keilyn is one of approximately 50 children who are backed over every week in this country and at least two of them die.

In Springboro, 5-year-old Dillon Gooding was killed in 2011.

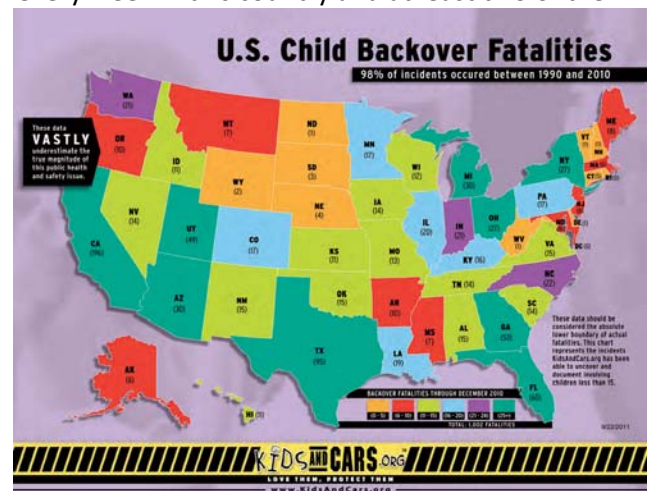
Police said his mother could not see him behind her van as she backed down the driveway. Last year, a 3-year-old in Piqua was rushed to Dayton Children's by [CareFlight](#) after she was backed over by her mother.

And, then two children were backed over and injured just last week in Dayton.

"Everybody should be able to see what's behind their vehicle when they back up. It really defies logic," said Jeanette Fennell, President of [KidsandCars](#), a group that tracks back over accidents.

Recently, Fennell and parents who have suffered backover tragedies gathered in Washington to urge the Obama Administration to move forward on a 2008 law requiring rear visibility cameras on all new vehicles. There have been four delays and more than two years have passed since the mandated deadline set by Congress.

"It's political," said Ellen Adams. "They cannot justify the cost of a child's life to the extra cost that it would mean to put cameras in cars."



In 2005, Adams' 1-year-old daughter wandered out of the house as her father was backing out of the driveway. Unable to see her behind the car, Matthew Adams backed over his daughter, killing her. Several years later, Matthew ended his own life.

Jason Dennis, owner of [Dave Dennis Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge](#) said rear cameras are available right now on about 80% of all new Chrysler vehicles. He showed us how the camera beeps when something or someone is behind the vehicle that a driver cannot see.

Unless you have a rear camera, your best defense against back over accidents is to get out of your vehicle and check behind it just before you back up.

If children are nearby, experts say to make sure you can see them, before you put your vehicle in reverse.

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