

On average, a child dies in a hot car **EVERY 9 DAYS.** This happens to even the most loving, responsible parents.

Think it can't happen to you?

Think again...

VEHICLES HEAT UP TO DEADLY TEMPERATURES WITHIN MINUTES, EVEN ON MILD DAYS.

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM BEING UNKNOWNLY LEFT IN THE CAR:

Make it a habit of opening the back door every time you park to ensure no one is left behind.

"LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK"



To enforce this habit, place an item that you can't start your day without in the back seat - employee badge, laptop, phone, handbag, etc.

Ask your childcare provider to call if your child does not show up as planned.

¼ OF HOT CAR DEATHS OCCUR WHEN A CHILD GETS IN A VEHICLE ON THEIR OWN & CANNOT GET OUT

Keep vehicles locked at all times, especially in the garage or driveway.

Ask neighbors and visitors to do the same.



If a child goes missing: immediately check the inside and trunk of all vehicles in the area.

DANGERS OF HOT CARS

Childproof Your Ride Checklist:

TEACHING YOUR KIDS ABOUT CAR SAFETY

- ☐ Buckle up for every trip
- ☐ No playing in the driveway, parking lot, or cul-de-sac unsupervised
- ☐ Before you cross in front of a car, wave to the driver and if they wave back, you can go.
- ☐ Honk the horn and/or turn on the hazard lights if you're trapped
- ☐ Help children understand that drivers cannot see them.

SAFE HABITS FOR PARENTS & CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

- ☐ Car seat is professionally installed & used correctly
- ☐ Directly supervise children when people are leaving or arriving at the home
- ☐ Carry children in parking lots or use a stroller or shopping cart
- ☐ "Look Before You Lock" – check the back seat for baby every time you park
- ☐ Always keep cars locked and keys away from children
- ☐ Never leave a car running in the garage
- ☐ Learn how to turn child safety door and power window locks on or off

Always read the owner's manual and register your vehicle and car seats.

TECHNOLOGY SAVES LIVES

- ☐ Backup cameras and/or sensors can be added to **any** vehicle
- ☐ Know about the latest safety features when buying a new car such as 360° or birds eye view systems, blindspot detection, automatic emergency braking (AEB), etc.

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN AT
www.KidsandCarSafety.org/ChildproofYourRide

All parents know how important it is to childproof their home, but safety shouldn't stop at the front door.

CHILD PROOF YOUR RIDE

VEHICLE-RELATED ACCIDENTS ARE THE #1 KILLER OF CHILDREN



CHILDPROOFING YOUR RIDE: 101



CAR SEAT

Get it professionally installed and use it correctly on every ride.

(local police or fire depts. can tell you where to get your seat installed)

Safe Ride Helpline for Child Passenger Safety

800-745-SAFE (English)

800-747-SANO (Spanish)

SECURE HOME DOORS

Use childproof door knob covers or door alarms to ensure children cannot sneak out of the home unnoticed.



PARKING LOTS

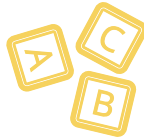
Never allow toddlers to walk in parking lots - carry them or use a stroller or shopping cart. **Hold hands with older children and teach them to watch for backing cars** because drivers can't see them.

CHILDPROOF YOUR RIDE:101



PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN IN AND AROUND VEHICLES IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WAYS TO KEEP THEM SAFE

LOOSE ITEMS: Toys, sports gear, handbags, etc. become projectiles in a crash and cause injury or death. Properly restrain or put loose items in the trunk.



SEAT BELT: Buckle up on every trip, no matter how short. Most crashes happen within a few miles of home.

HORN/HAZARD LIGHTS: Teach kids to honk the horn and/or turn on the hazard lights in case they become trapped in a car.
(not all horns work when the engine is turned off)



POWER WINDOWS: Keep the power window lock on. Power windows have strangled or injured thousands of children.

GEAR SHIFT: Be aware that some vehicles older than 2012 can be put into gear without your foot on the brake. Put your parking brake on every time you park.

BACKUP CAMERAS: All new vehicles (2018 +) come with them. But, you don't have to wait to get one.

Backup cameras can be added to ANY vehicle!



CHILD SAFETY REAR DOOR LOCKS: Prevent children from falling or getting out of a car. But beware, they can also prevent a child from getting out if they get trapped inside.

(on/off switch usually on the side of the door that can't be seen when door is closed - see vehicle owner's manual)



IGNITION: Never leave a vehicle running in the garage. Carbon monoxide can leak into your home and kill. Keyless ignitions are especially dangerous because they are often accidentally left on.

BLINDZONES: There are areas on ALL sides of ALL vehicles where a child can't be seen by the driver. Most driveway accidents happen when a child leaves the home unnoticed. Directly and actively supervise children when anyone is arriving or leaving the home and also in parking lots.

UP TO 50'



8-15'

Blindzone: area where children cannot be seen by the driver
(shaded in light blue above)

SUVs, minivans and trucks may have larger blindzones, making it difficult or impossible for the driver to see children behind, on the sides or directly in front of a vehicle. You cannot avoid hitting something you cannot see.

TRUNK: Teach kids how to use the glow-in-the-dark trunk release. Cars 2001 and older don't have one, but you can get one at www.KidsAndCars.org.