

Washington State Law

RCW 46.61.685

Leaving children unattended in standing vehicle with motor running — Penalty.

(1) It is unlawful for any person, while operating or in charge of a vehicle, to park or willfully allow such vehicle to stand upon a public highway or in a public place with its motor running, leaving a minor child or children under the age of sixteen years unattended in the vehicle.

(2) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon a second or subsequent conviction for a violation of this section, the department shall revoke the operator's license of such person.

[2003 c 53 § 246; 1990 c 250 § 57; 1961 c 151 § 2. Formerly RCW [46.56.230](#).]

Notes:

Rules of court: Bail in criminal traffic offense cases -- Mandatory appearance -- CrRLJ 3.2.

Intent -- Effective date -- 2003 c 53: See notes following RCW [2.48.180](#).

Severability -- 1990 c 250: See note following RCW [46.18.215](#).

Leaving children unattended in parked automobile while entering tavern, etc.: RCW [9.91.060](#).