

What happens when a CHILD IS LEFT IN A HOT CAR



What to do if you see a CHILD IN A HOT CAR



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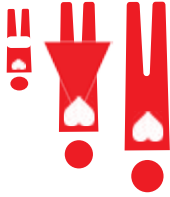
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CIRCUMSTANCES

THERE WERE 793 PREVENTABLE CHILD VEHICULAR HEAT STROKE DEATHS BETWEEN 1990 - 2016



In an overwhelming majority of child vehicular heat stroke deaths, it was an otherwise loving, responsible parent that unknowingly left the child.

55% Unknowingly left
28% Got in on their own
13% Knowingly left
4% Unknown

HEAT STROKE FACTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Medical

Heat stroke is clinically defined as when a person's temperature exceeds 40°C/104°F and their ability to regulate their body temperature is compromised.

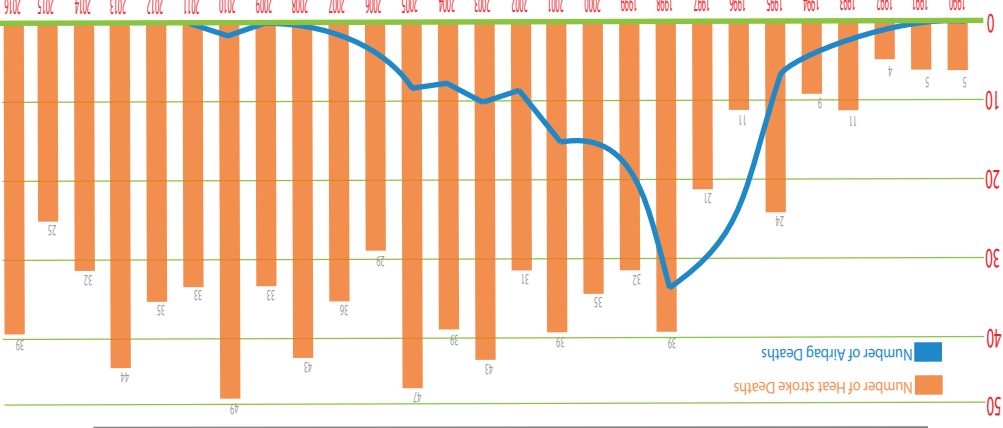
When a person's core temperature exceeds 41.5°C/107°F or greater is reached, cells are damaged and internal organs begin to shut down. These events can rapidly lead to death.

A child's body temperature rises at a rate faster than an adult's.

Symptoms

Dizziness, disorientation, agitation, confusion, sluggishness, seizure, hot, dry skin that is flushed but not sweaty, loss of consciousness, rapid heartbeat and hallucinations.

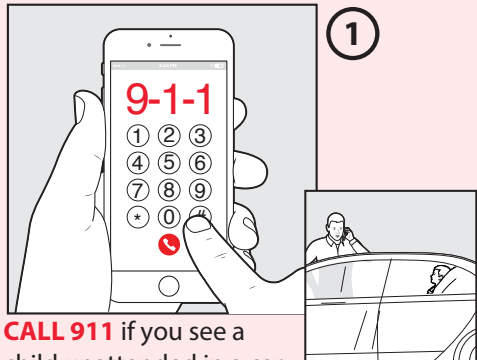
We've eliminated child front seat deaths, now let's stop child vehicular heat stroke deaths



From 1990-2016, 186 children were killed by over-powered air bags in the front passenger seat. During that same time-frame more than 793 children died in hot vehicles. Children can be unknowingly left behind in the back seat by even the most responsible parents and caregivers. Always remember to open the back car door after parking your vehicle and 'Look Before You Lock'.

Chart courtesy of KidsAndCars.org

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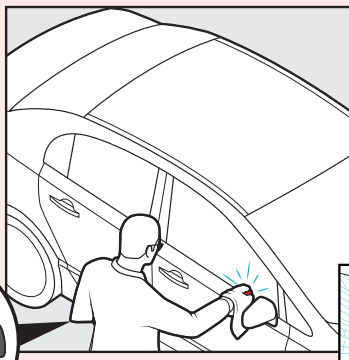


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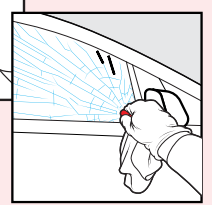
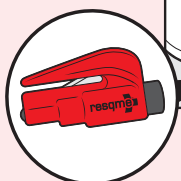
FOLLOW THESE **3 STEPS***

CALL 911 if you see a child unattended in a car

If you see a child unattended in a car on a hot day, check for an unlocked door. If none, **BREAK THE WINDOW FURTHEST AWAY FROM THE CHILD.** (Protect your hands and eyes.)



Press the rescue tool against the bottom front corner of the window where it is easiest to break. You can also break a window with a hard, heavy object like a rock.



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OPEN ALL THE CAR DOORS AND OBSERVE THE CHILD.

Wait for the caregiver or authorities to arrive. **REMOVE** the child **ONLY IF** the child is **UNCONCIOUS**, or obviously **SICK** or **DISTRESSED**.



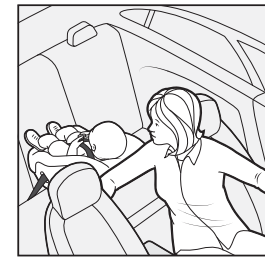
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*Check to see if a Good Samaritan Law exists in your state.

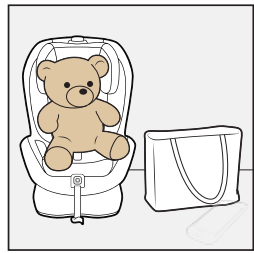
ALWAYS REMEMBER



NEVER LEAVE A CHILD UNATTENDED IN A VEHICLE. Not even for a minute!

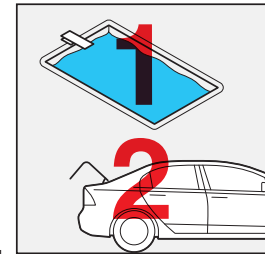


"LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK"
Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading. Don't overlook sleeping babies. Make "Look Before you Lock" a routine whenever you get out of the car.



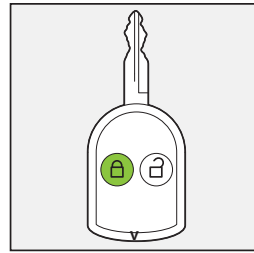
USE REMINDERS

Place your handbag or cell phone in the backseat so you always open the backdoor to take it with you. Also, keep a stuffed animal in the car seat and when the child is put in the car, place it up front with you as a reminder.



CHECK THE POOL

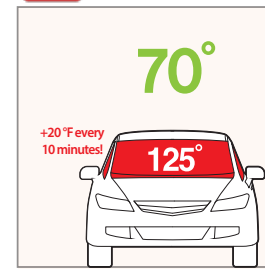
If a child is missing, always check the pool first, and then the car, including the trunk.



LOCK YOUR CAR

Always lock your car and ensure children do not have access to keys or remote entry devices. Teach children that vehicles are never to be used as a play area.

! WARNING



VEHICLE TEMPERATURE INCREASES RAPIDLY

When it is 70°F (21°C) outside, it can be 125°F (52°C) or more inside the car. The temperature may increase 20°F (11°C) every 10 minutes! **

**Based upon research by Jan Null