



What happens when a CHILD IS LEFT IN A HOT CAR

CIRCUMSTANCES

THERE WERE 793 PREVENTABLE DEATHS BETWEEN 1990 - 2016



In an overwhelming majority of child vehicular heatstroke 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

HEATSTROKE FACTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Medical

Heatstroke is clinically defined as when a person's temperature exceeds 104 °F and their ability to regulate their body temperature is compromised.

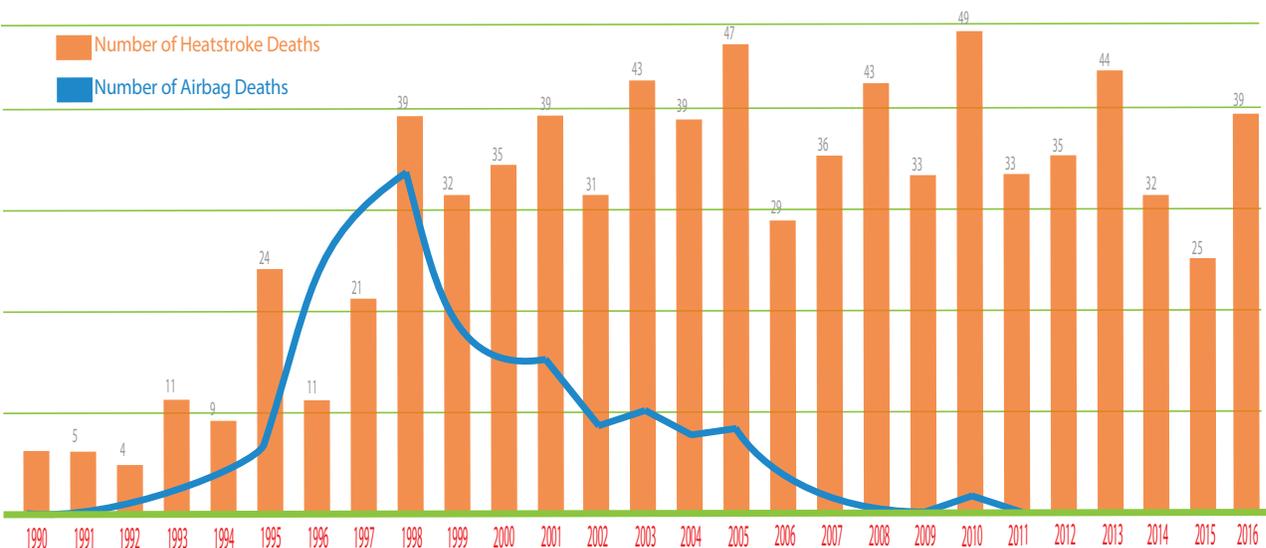
When a core body temperature of 107°F or greater is reached, cells are damaged and internal organs begin to shut down. These events can rapidly lead to death.

A child's body temperature rises at a rate three to five times 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.

Child Vehicular Heat Stroke Deaths vs. Child Front Seat Passenger 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' .