

Keep Children Out of Hot and Unlocked Vehicles

Every summer, children are injured or killed by heatstroke.

These tragedies do not have to happen.

The injuries and deaths occur when distracted parents and other caregivers leave a child in a hot vehicle too long, forget the child is there, or leave a vehicle unlocked and the child enters inside to play.

There are habits you can develop to prevent children from premature death or serious heatstroke injuries such as brain damage.



Here is what you can do as a driver with a child passenger:

- **Leave** something you need such as a cell phone, purse or briefcase in the back seat.
- **Be** focused when driving with a child. You are responsible for his or her safety.
- **Arrange** for a child care provider to notify you when your child is late.
- **Look** in the back seat before walking away from the vehicle.

Other actions to take to save young lives:

- **Teach** children that parked vehicles are unsafe places to enter without adults.
- **Keep** your vehicles locked at all times.
- **Place** your keys and remote-entry fobs where children cannot reach them.
- **Open** your trunk and check the interior whenever a child is missing.

After parking, you still need to slow down. Take time to look in the back seat and lock your vehicle to help save young lives.

