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Where's baby (with the picture of a car in the direct sunlight located between the two words)? Look before you lock.

The summer months can be incredibly dangerous for children in cars. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in 2013, **44 children** died of heatstroke across the United States.

These deaths can be prevented, and in many cases, a simple communication plan between parents and child care/Head Start providers could save a child's life. **In an arrival confirmation plan, parents notify providers when their children will be late or absent, and providers contact parents if a child does not arrive as expected.** This kind of basic plan creates a safety net to help make sure that no child gets left in a car.

Parents and providers can take Ray Ray's Pledge to communicate about planned and unexpected absences [here](#). **Take the pledge and encourage the parents and providers in your life to do the same!**



Ray Ray's Pledge.



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