

preventing child abuse and neglect



through grant distribution, education and awareness.

Never leave a child alone in a car. Not even for a minute!



Left alone in a vehicle, even for a short time, a child is in danger of dehydration, injury, abduction or death.

- Never leave children unattended in or around an automobile.
- Always put your keys in a safe and secure place.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even at home, and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same. Unlocked cars pose a risk to children who are naturally curious and often fearless.
- Teach your children the dangers of a car and let them know it is not a toy or playground.
- Make your child as visible as possible. Place rear-facing car seats in the middle of the back seat.
- Establish a routine of checking the back seat every time you exit the car to ensure no one is left behind. *Do not overlook sleeping infants.*
- Place your child's diaper bag or a small toy in the front seat to serve as a constant, visible reminder of your child's presence in the car.
- Place your purse, briefcase or other personal item in the back with the child to give you an additional reason to check the back seat.
- Try to plan ahead when you have errands. Run errands when your spouse, trusted neighbor or friend can watch your child.
- Remember to use the drive-through convenience provided by banks, dry cleaners, pharmacies, restaurants and other businesses.
- Use your debit or credit card at the gas pump.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks immediately.

It's a car accident you can prevent.

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The children of Missouri thank you!



Ways You Can Help

CTF does not receive general revenue funding from the State to support its prevention activities. Funding is obtained from dedicated fees on marriage licenses and vital records, voluntary contributions designated on Missouri state income tax returns, sales of the specialty CTF license plate, general donations, interest income from the Fund, and a federal grant.

Getting a state tax refund? Help us check off child abuse.

Look for the handprints on your Missouri State Income Tax Return and designate any amount over \$2 to CTF by checking the box to contribute through the tax check-off option. Your contribution may either be deducted from your refund or added to the amount owed.



Create a memorial fund or honor someone special.

To honor the memory of a loved one, consider designating CTF as the recipient of memorial donations. Or, consider a donation in the name of a family member, friend or co-worker to highlight a birthday, anniversary, holiday or other special occasion.

Get your license to care.

For an annual donation of \$25, you can support the importance of child abuse and neglect prevention by purchasing a CTF specialty license plate. The exposure of the tags generates awareness, and the funds collected support prevention programs throughout Missouri.



Matching Gift contributions.

Speak with your company's human resources department. Your company may agree to match employee donations made to CTF.

General Donation.

Please give throughout the year. CTF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity, so your contribution is tax deductible. Online donations may be made on the secure CTF website.

Education & Awareness

Related literature such as brochures, rack cards, posters and web forms are available to Missouri residents and organizations at no cost. To make a request, call **1-888-826-KIDS (5437)** or visit **www.ctf4kids.org** to place an online order. CTF supports the following campaigns:

- Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) Prevention
- Safe Crib/Safe Sleep
- "Not Even for a Minute"...Never Leave Children Unattended in or Around Vehicles
- Positive Parenting



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