

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 **heat stroke, injury, abduction or death.**



Where's Baby? Look Before You Lock.

- Place your purse, briefcase or other personal item in the back with the child to serve as an additional reason to **check the back seat.**
- Remember to **use the drive-through convenience** provided by banks, dry cleaners, pharmacies, restaurants & other businesses.
- **Pay at the pump** at gas stations.



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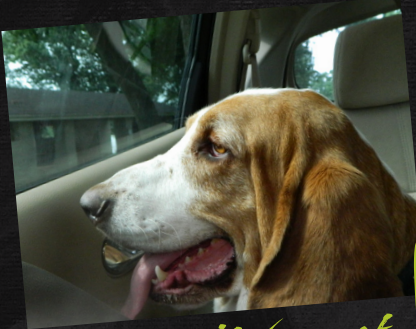
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It's a car accident *you can prevent.*

- Never leave children alone in or around vehicles.
- Always keep car keys & remote openers out of reach of children.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even at home, & remind your friends & neighbors to do the same. Unlocked cars pose a risk to children who are naturally curious & often fearless.
- Teach your children the dangers of a car & 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.
- Ask your babysitter or childcare provider to call you if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.
- 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.
- Try to plan ahead when you have errands. Run errands when your spouse, trusted neighbor or friend can watch your child.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles & trunks immediately.



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