



Keep Kids Safe! Hyperthermia Prevention

Leaving a child in a car alone for even one minute is dangerous.

Almost 50 children died this way last year. A temperature of 80 degrees outside can mean upwards of 120 degrees inside a vehicle.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the window slightly open.

Disrupted routines and distractions have caused people to mistakenly leave children behind in cars.

- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car on the floor in front of a child in a backseat, so you will see the child when you open the rear door and reach for your belongings.
- Set a reminder on your cell phone or Blackberry to be sure you dropped your child off at daycare.
- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, "Did you drop off at daycare today?"
- Make a plan with your childcare provider to receive a call if your child is late for drop off. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off little kids at daycare.

Prevent trunk entrapment.

- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
- Lock trunk and vehicle doors after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach.
- Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.
- Check vehicles and trunks FIRST if a child goes missing.

There's only one Rainbow.



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