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# NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN ALONE IN THE CAR

*There is never an excuse to leave a child unattended in a car. On average, 38 children die each year from being left alone in a vehicle. More than 30 percent of children who die from being left alone in a hot car are under the age of one.*



When left alone in a hot vehicle, a child's body temperature can increase three to five times faster than an adult's. Cracking a window has very little effect on the temperature inside the car.

- Children left unattended in a vehicle can also disengage the brakes, change gears, be kidnapped, or even leave the car on their own.
- To avoid risks, make a habit out of checking your car before you leave it. It helps to put something you will need when you arrive at your destination in the back seat, like a cell phone or purse.
- If you see a child alone in a car, please contact the police or call 911.



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