

Related Resources

National Highway Safety Transportation Administration

<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/InandAroundtheCar/InandAroundtheCar.htm>



Kids in Hot Cars

Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash-related fatalities for children 14 and younger, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). Unfortunately, even great parents & caregivers can forget a child in the back seat.

Risk factors include caregivers who aren't used to driving kids or whose routine suddenly changes. Children are more vulnerable to heatstroke than adults, in part because a child's body warms 3-5 faster than an adult. NHTSA launched a "Where's Baby: Look Before You Lock" campaign. Tips to protect children from heatstroke are found on the NHTSA website at: <http://www.safercar.gov/parents/InandAroundtheCar/Tips-Avoid-Heatstroke.htm>

NHTSA also includes tips on what to do if you see a child alone in a car:

<http://www.safercar.gov/parents/InandAroundtheCar/Prevent-Child-Heatstroke.htm>

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SafeKids Worldwide created the "ACT" initiative to address vehicle-related heatstroke in children:

A: Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.

C: Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, purse or cell phone that's needed at your destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save the life of a child.

See more at: <http://www.safekids.org/heatstroke#sthash.FD8mzvXu.dpuf>