

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, dehydration, injury, abduction or death.**

Where's Baby? Look Before You Lock.

- Place your purse, briefcase or whatever is to be carried from the car with the child to serve as an additional reason to **check the back seat.**
- Remember to **use drive-through convenience** provided by banks, restaurants and other businesses.
- **Pay at the pump** at gas stations.
- If you see a child alone in a car, **call 911!**



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

- Never leave children alone in or around vehicles.
- 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.
- Set a reminder on your cell phone or computer to be sure you dropped your child off at day care.
- Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.
- Place your child's diaper bag or 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.

It's a missing child *you can save.*

- Teach your children the dangers of a car and let them know that it is not a toy or playground.
- Always lock your car, even at home, and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same. Unlocked cars pose a risk to children who are naturally curious.
- Always put your keys in a safe and secure place out of children's reach.
- When a child is missing, check pools, vehicles, and car trunks immediately.



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