SUMMER DANGERS
CHILDREN, PETS, AND HEAT EXPOSURE IN VEHICLES

Look Before You Lock

It can take less than 15 minutes for a child or a pet to suffer from heat stroke. Leaving a child in a car on a sunny day can lead to death in a matter of minutes. When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase three to five times faster than that of an adult. With a 95 degree outside temperature, the temperature in a vehicle can climb to 120 degrees in 15 minutes or less.

Never, under any circumstances, leave your children or pets in the car without an adult. Always lock the car doors and trunk, even at home. Always take a head count before and after reaching destinations. Put your purse or wallet on the floor in the back seat so you do not forget the children or pets. Put something in the front seat with you as a reminder (such as a diaper bag or bottle).

If you see a child or pet left in a vehicle who are exposed to high temperatures, call 911. Your action could save a life.

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