



Heatstroke in Cars

BY THE NUMBERS

10 minutes: the amount of time it takes for a car temperature to become deadly

37 children: the number that die from heatstroke in cars on average every year

57 degrees: the lowest known outside temperature at which heatstroke can occur

BY CIRCUMSTANCE

742 children died from heatstroke in cars from 1998 – 2017

- 54% were forgotten by a caregiver
- 28% were playing in a vehicle alone
- 17% were left in the vehicle by an adult on purpose
- 1% died under unknown circumstances

KNOW THE FACTS

Heatstroke can happen:

- when it's cool outside
- in the shade
- with the windows open
- to good parents

TIPS

WHEN ARE CHILDREN FORGOTTEN?

- When there is a change in schedule (i.e., a different caregiver is dropping the child off at daycare)
- When the caregiver is distracted or in a hurry

NEVER leave a child in a vehicle alone

- even "just for a minute"
- even with the windows and doors open
- even in the garage

CHECK the back seat every time you leave the car

TELL your childcare provider to call you when your child is absent

SET UP a reminder system by leaving your phone in the back seat

ALWAYS keep car doors and trunks locked and keys out of reach

CALL 911 if you see a child left alone in a vehicle

SOURCES AND INFO

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Traffic Safety Marketing. Fact Sheet: 2018 Heatstroke Prevention Campaign. <https://bit.ly/2pCBW9k>

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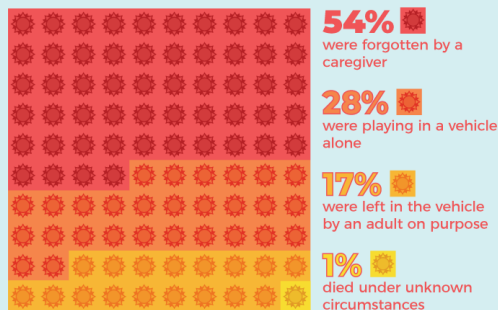


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