**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**


To view this infographic on the web, please visit: [www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/infographics/heatstroke](http://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/infographics/heatstroke)

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