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Protecting Children from Heatstroke in Vehicles



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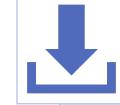
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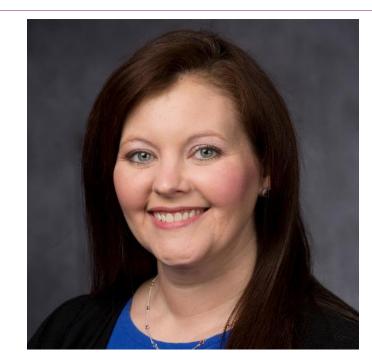
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By the Numbers

April 22, 2021 Children's Safety Network

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Recent Headlines

- 7-week-old baby found dead after being left in van
- 3-year-old dies after being found unresponsive in family car
- 2-year-old left in hot car dies
- Fort Worth boy, 3, dies after crawling into hot car
- 5-year-old dies in day care van
- Two children dead after being left in car for 15 hours
- Baby left in vehicle pronounced dead in Caldwell
 ...AND MANY MANY MORE

Today's Plan

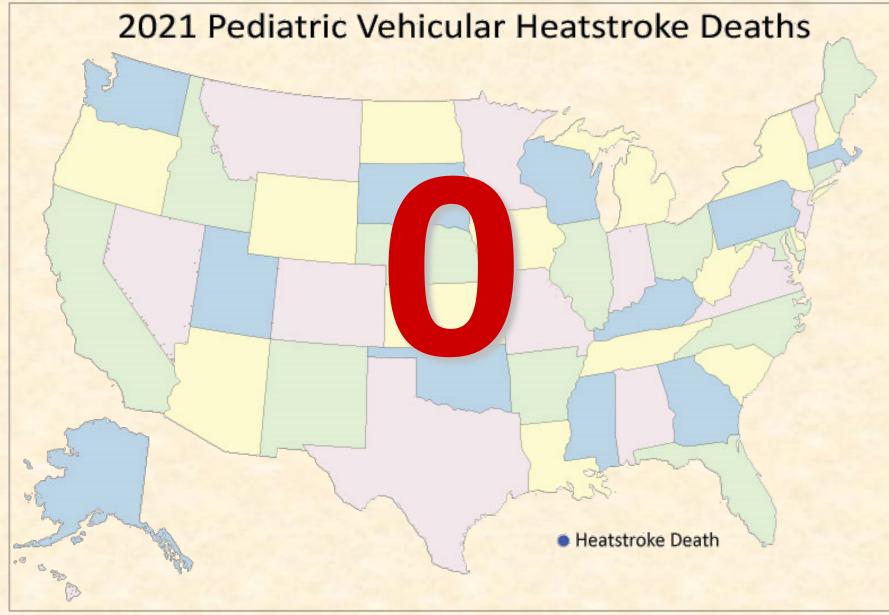
- Current Stats
- What is Heatstroke?
- How Hot Cars Get
- Tracking Cases

Today's Plan (cont'd)

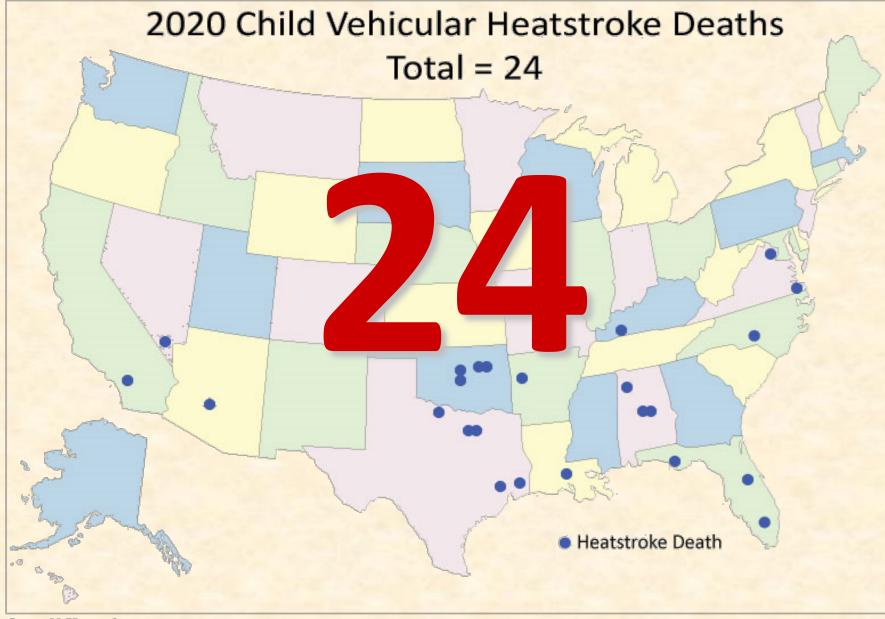
- Legal Miscellany
- Trends and Patterns
- Technology & PVH
- Safety Recommendations

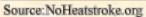
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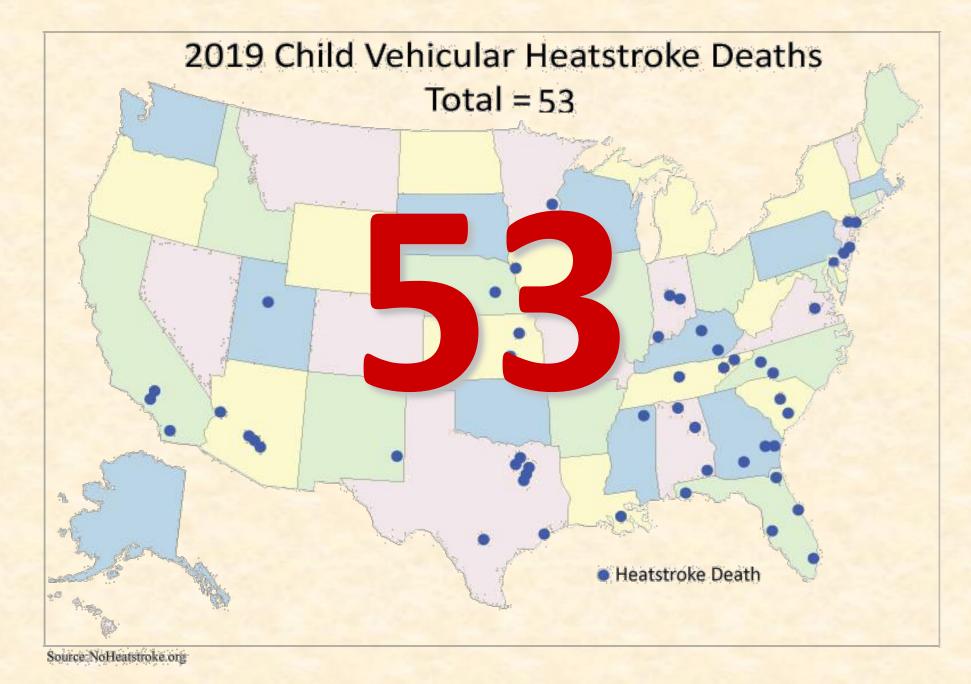
- NWS for 23 yrs. and Private Consultant for 23 yrs.
- Adjunct Professor of Meteorology since 1987
- Media Question
- July 2001 San Jose, CA
 Kyle Patrick Gilbert age 5 mos.
- Controlled Study 2002
- Published in Pediatrics 2005
- Began work with the child safety community

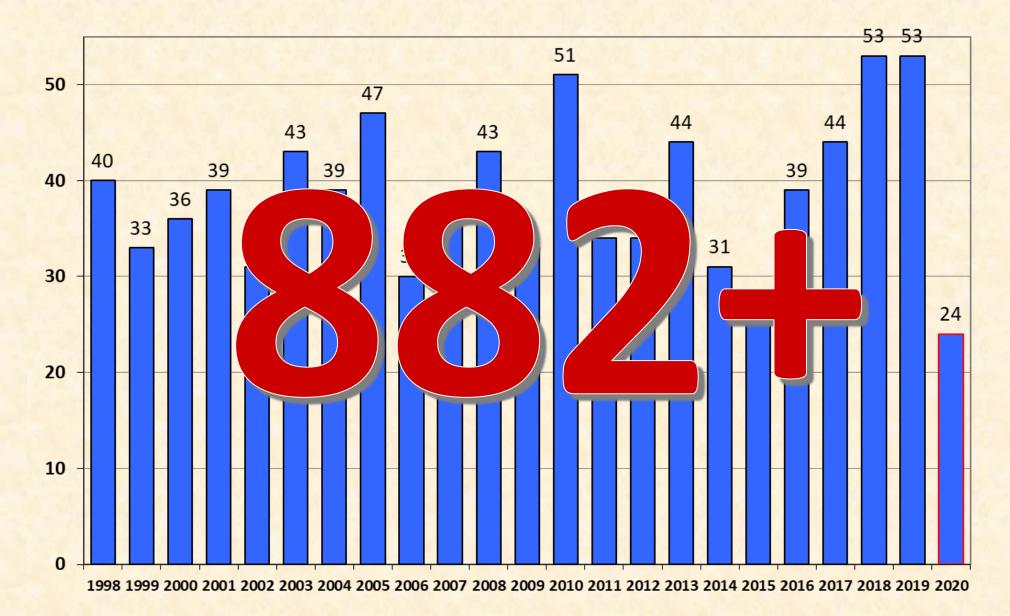


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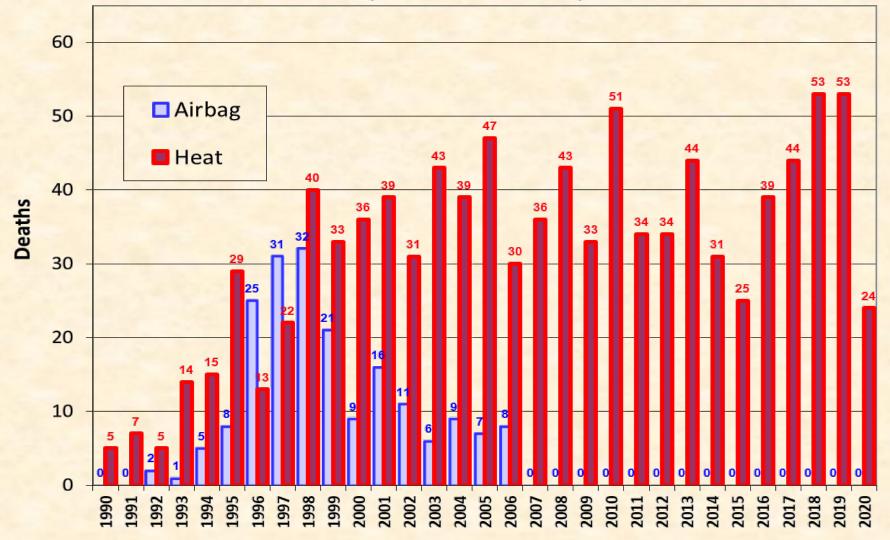




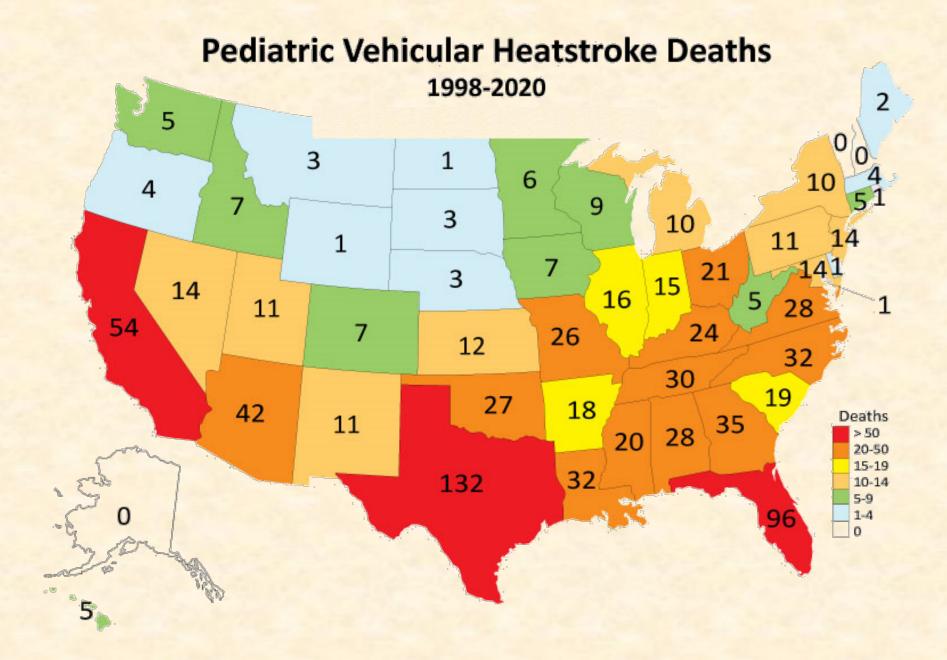


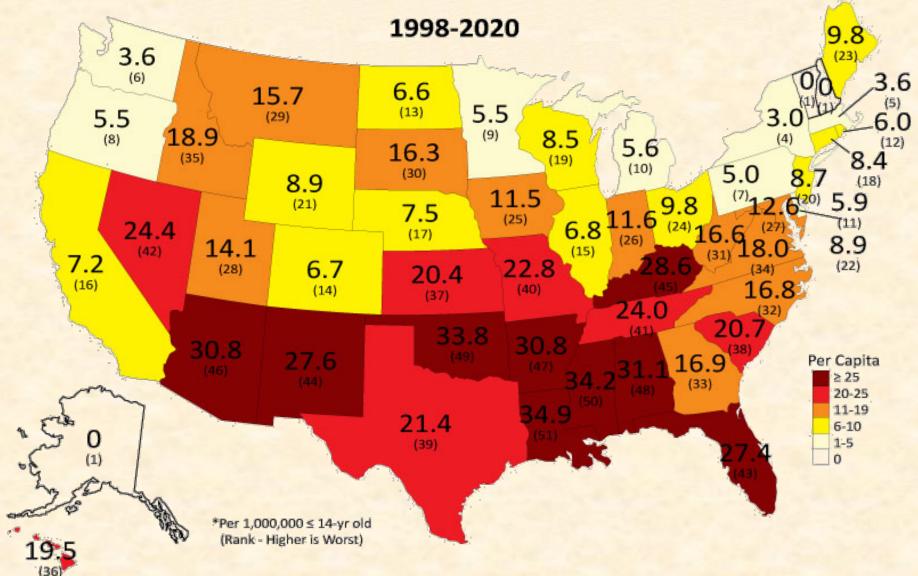
Vehicular Child Fatalities

Passenger Side Airbags¹ and Heatstroke



¹NCSA, NHTSA; "Counts of Frontal Air Bag Related Fatalities and Seriously Injured Persons", July 2007





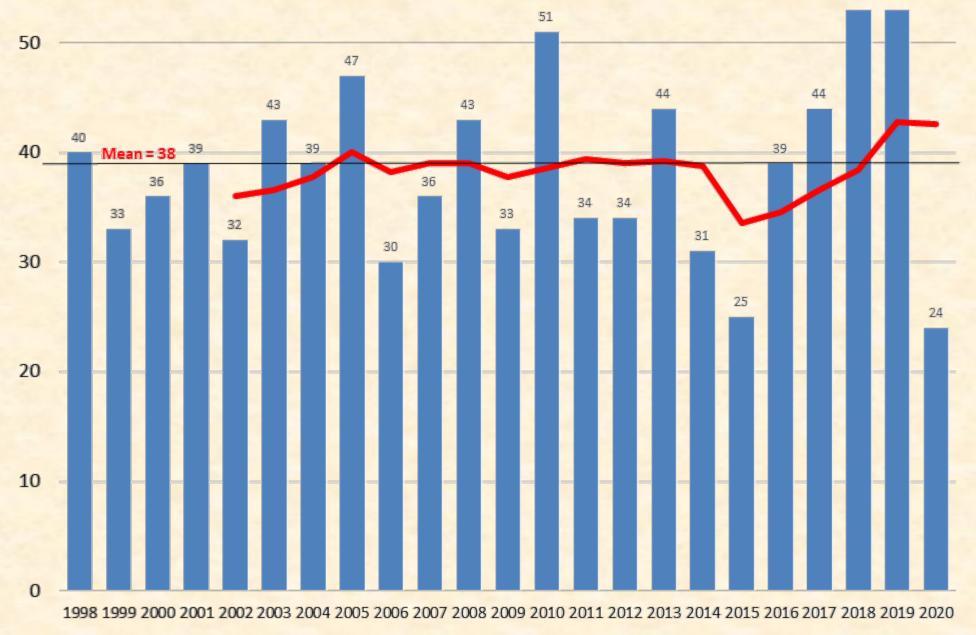
Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths Per Capita*

Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths Circumstances

Gained Access 25.7% Forgotten 53.0% Knowingly Left 19.6% 46% of "forgotten" children were to have been dropped off at childcare/ preschool. Unknown 1.7%

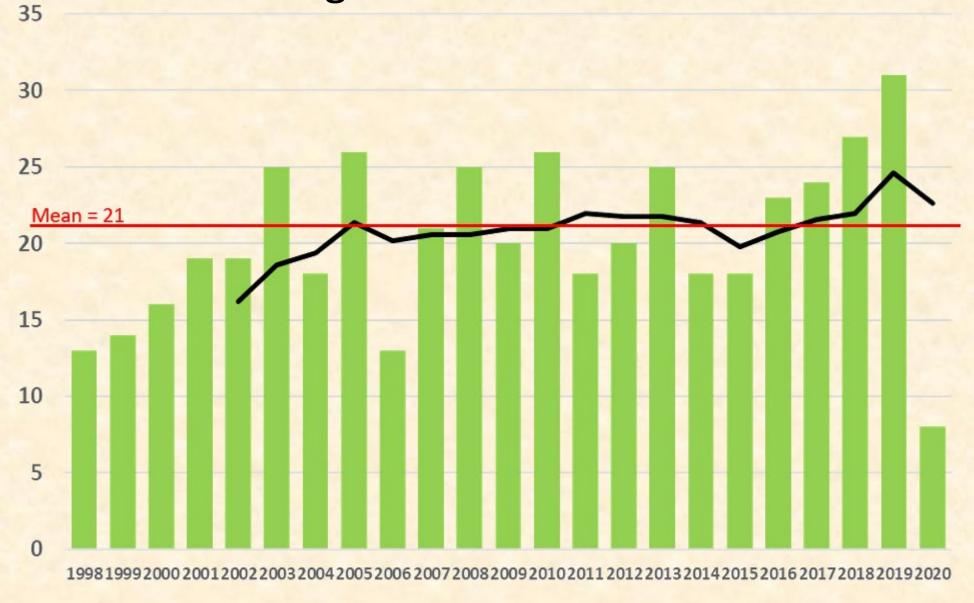
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Annual ____5-year Avg

"Forgotten" PVH Deaths



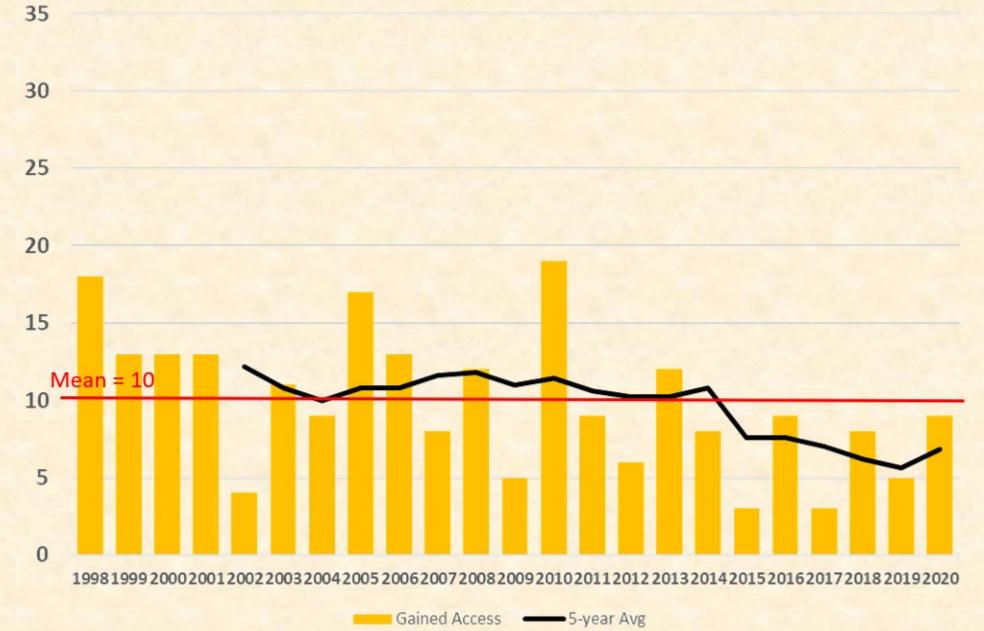
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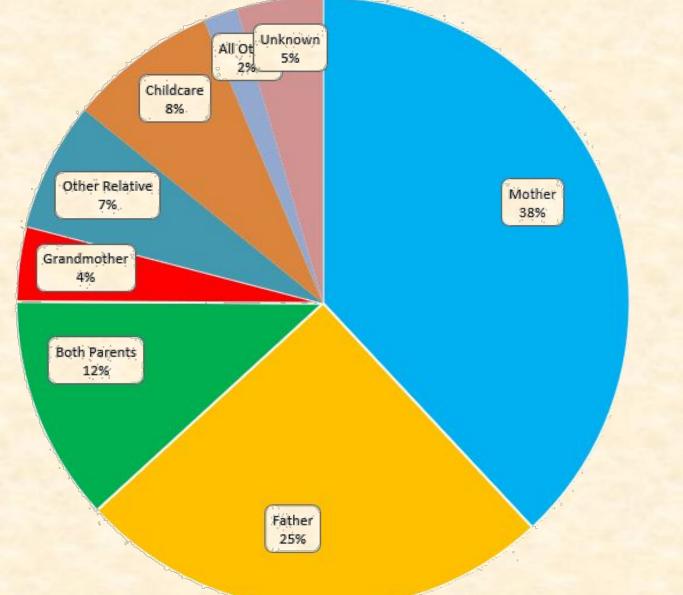


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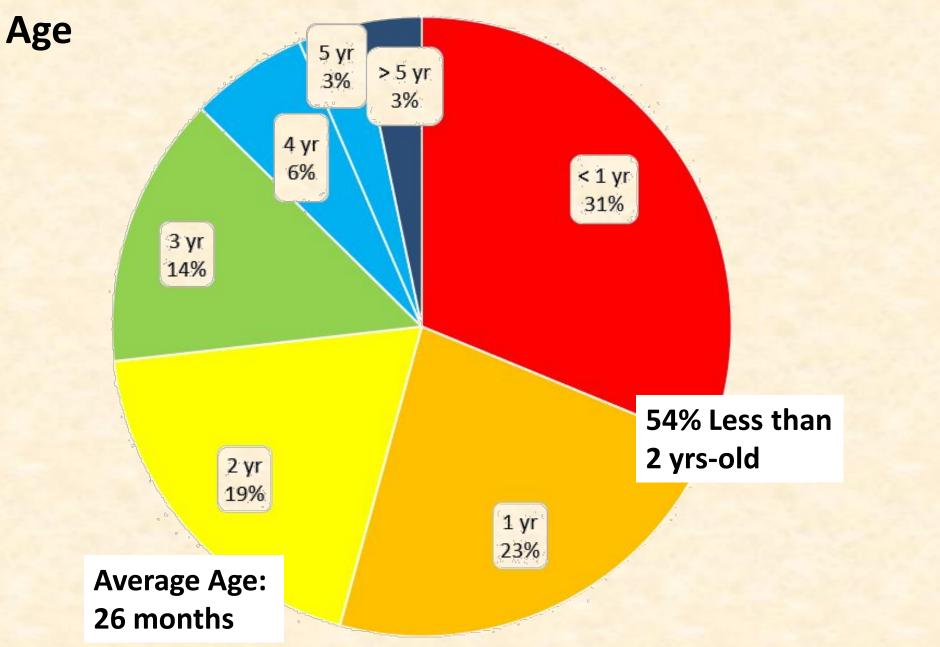


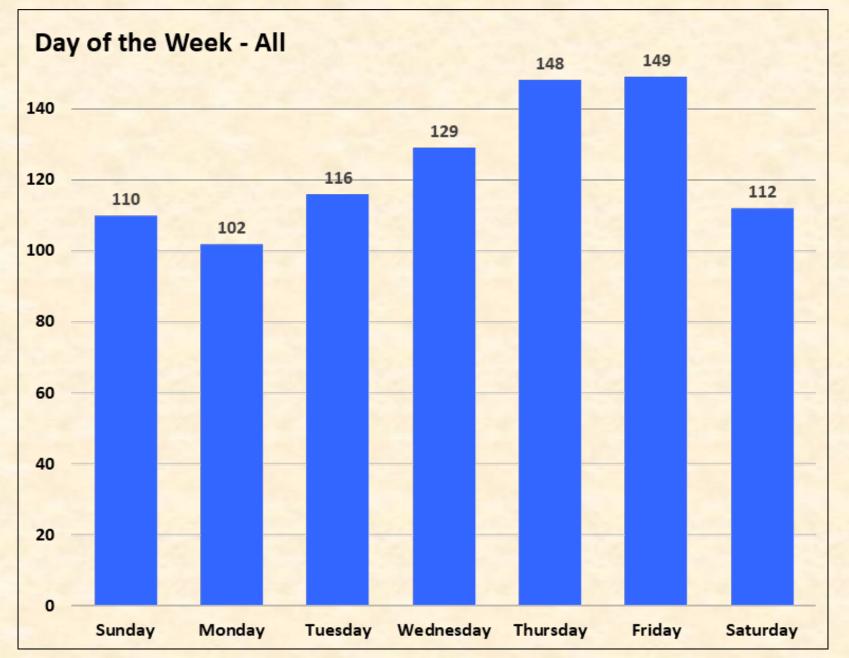
Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths Responsible Person

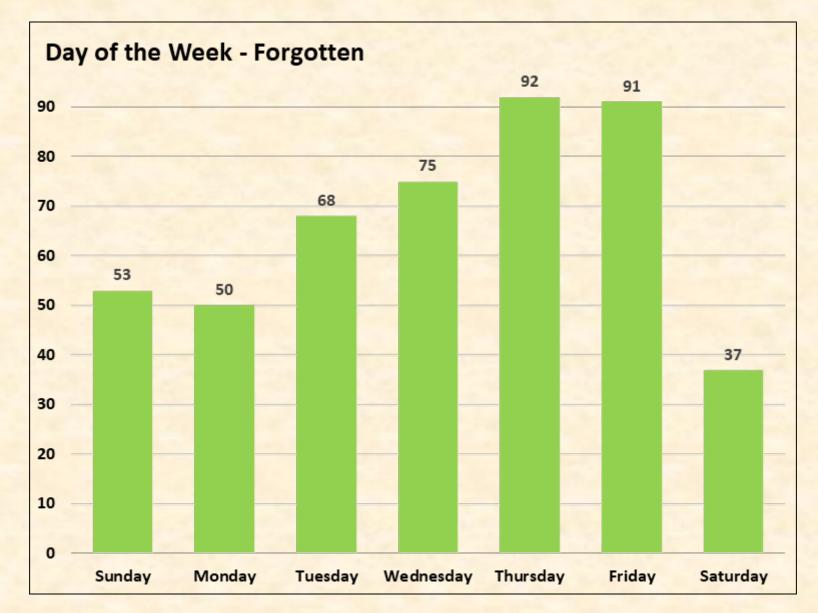


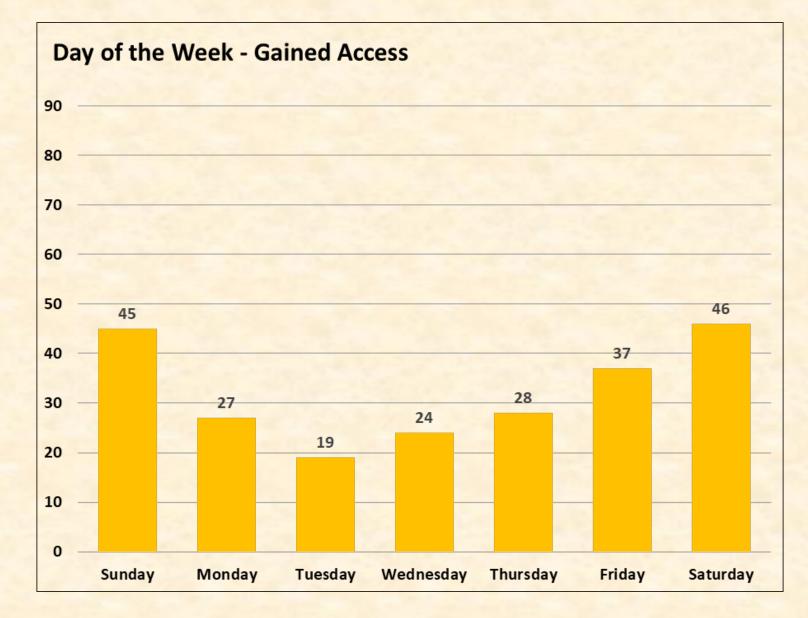
It Can Happen to Anyone!

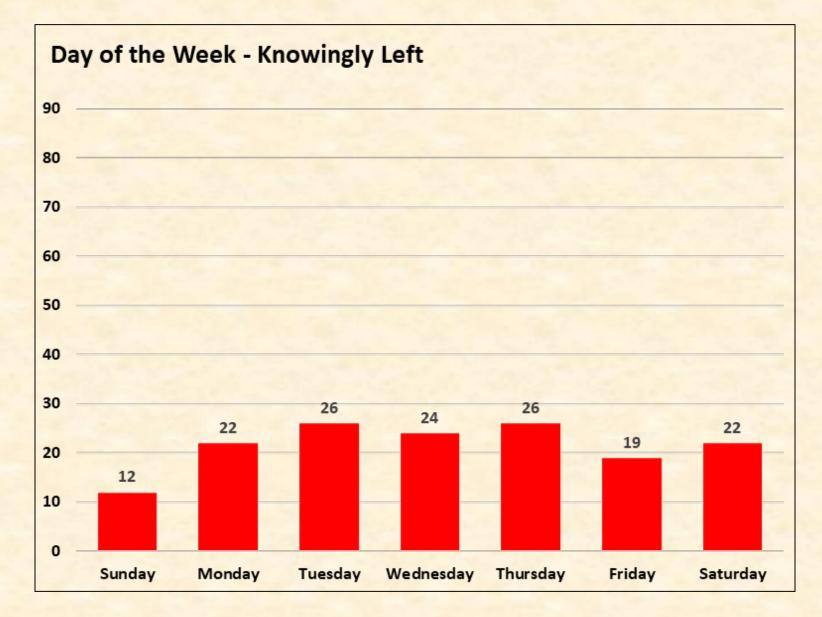
Accountant	Coach	Military	Scientist
Administrator	Dad	Mom	Secretary
Aunt	Dentist	Nurses	Social Worker
Baby Sitter	Engineer	Physician	Student
Barber	Firefighter	Police	Teacher
Barista	Grandparent	Police Officer	Tradesman
Childcare Provider	Judge	Principal	Uncle
Clergymen	Lawyer	Researcher	Waiter



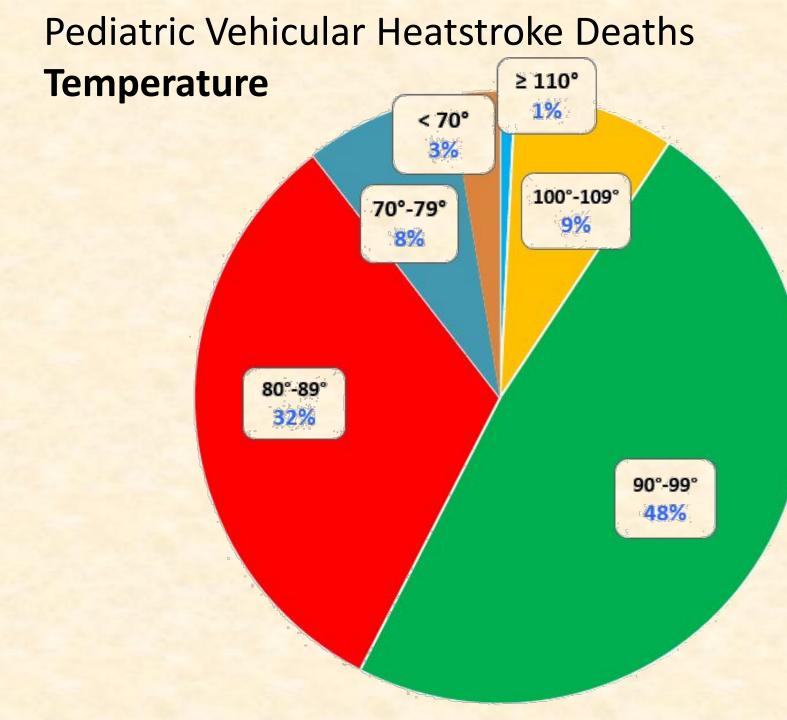




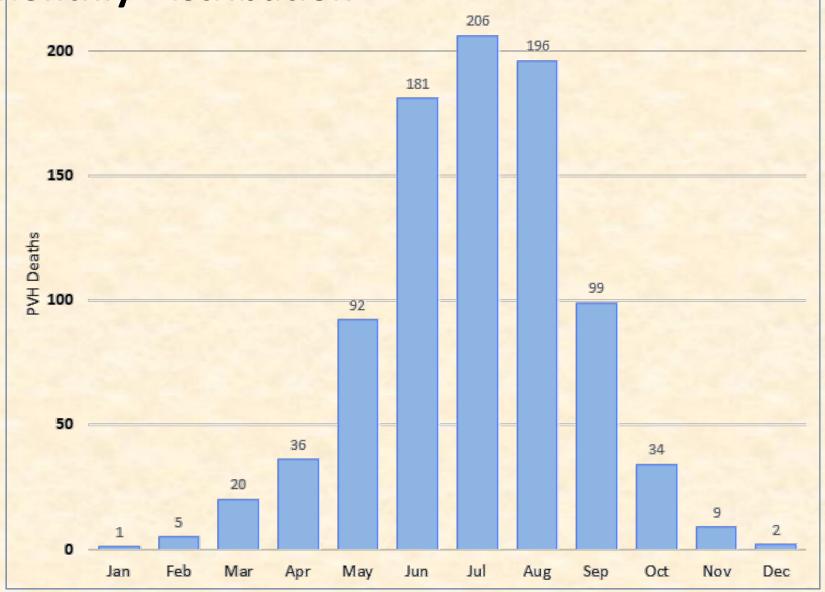




Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths Location Unknown 2% Church 1% Other 13% Child Care 7% Home 52% Work 24% Other: Parking lot, on street, at the park, etc.



Monthly Distribution



Child Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths

Monthly Totals														
-	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Unk	Total
1998				2	4	9	10	11	3				1	40
1999			1	1	2	8	16	4	1			-		33
2000			1		8	6	7	10	3	1			1 L.	36
2001			2	1	4	8	10	10	2	1	1			39
2002			1		1	7	9	7	4	2		1		31
2003		1		2	4	10	10	12	2	3			1	43
2004		1	2	5	4	4	9	7	6	1				39
2005					3	9	12	11	10	2				47
2006				2	2	6	7	10			3			30
2007			2		3	6	9	7	8	1			879	36
2008		1	2	2	2	6	11	12	3	4				43
2009			1	2	3	11	7	6	2			1		33
2010			1	3	6	10	8	15	7	1			1	51
2011			2		6	10	8	3	3	2				34
2012					4	6	6	12	2		3	1		34
2013					8	9	9	8	9	1				44
2014				4	4	8	7	3	2	3			1	31
2015				1	1	6	3	8	5		1			25
2016	1		1	3	4	7	9	4	6	4				39
2017		2	2	3	3	10	13	7	2	2				44
2018		1	2	1	8	12	10	9	9				1	53
2019				3	7	8	8	14	7	5	1			53
2020				1	1	4	8	6	3	1				24
											Total 1998- 2020 >		882	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Unk	Total
Avg.	< 1	< 1	2	2	4	8	9	9	5	2	< 1	< 1	< 1	38
Max.	1	2	2	5	8	12	16	15	10	5	3	1	1	53
Min.	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	24

Date of 1st Fatality

Date & Lo	-		
Year	Date	State	1. 200
1998	24-Apr	AR	
1999	16-Mar	OH	
2000	6-Mar	FL	
2001	21-Mar	TX	
2002	14-Mar	OH	
2003	6-Apr	FL	
2004	5-Feb	HI	1000
2005	13-May	► LN	- Latest
2006	4-Apr	SC	1000
2007	17-Mar	HI	
2008	15-Feb	WI	
2009	9-Mar	NC	1.000
2010	8-Mar	FL	1
2011	8-Mar	TX	
2012	12-May	TX	
2013	10-May	TX	
2014	16-Apr	CA	
2015	20-Apr	AZ	
2016	12-Jan	GA +	Earliest
2017	6-Feb	FL	
2018	28-Feb	FL	
2019	4-Apr	FL	
2020	25-Apr	ТХ	
Average	22-Mar		

Heatstroke

What is Heatstroke?

- Hyperthermia
 - Elevated body temperature
- Heatstroke
 - Clinical definition ≥ 104 °F
 - Cooling system is overwhelmed
 - Symptoms
 - Stops perspiring, flushed dry skin
 - Faintness
 - Staggering
 - Strong and rapid pulse
 - Possible delirium or coma

What is Heatstroke?

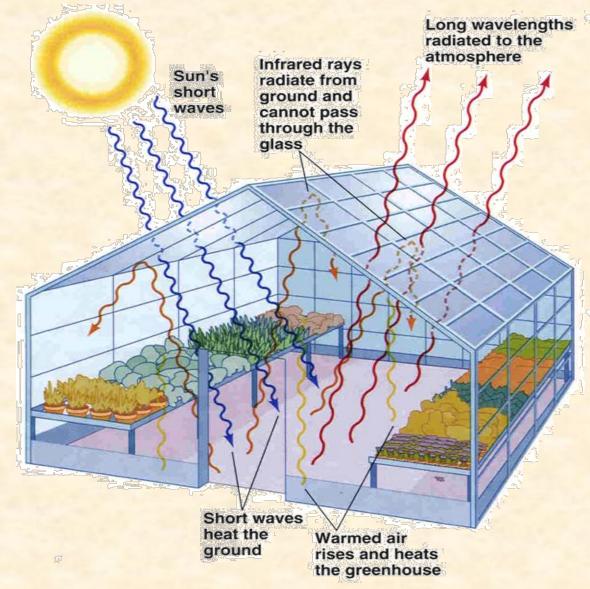
- Child's body less capable of cooling itself
 - Less surface area to mass
 - Child's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's
 - Exacerbated by positon in carseat
- ≥ 107 °F
 - Cells damaged
 - Organs shut down
 - Death can occur

Vehicle Heating

How Hot? How Fast?

- Controlled study Summer 2002
- Remote thermometer in vehicle
- 16 study days
 - Outside air temperatures from 72° 96° F
 - O to 60 minutes
- Two days, windows "cracked" 1.5 inches

How Do Cars Get Hot?



Air and Windows are Transparent to Sunlight

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Surface Temperatures

- IR Thermometer
 - Surface Temperatures

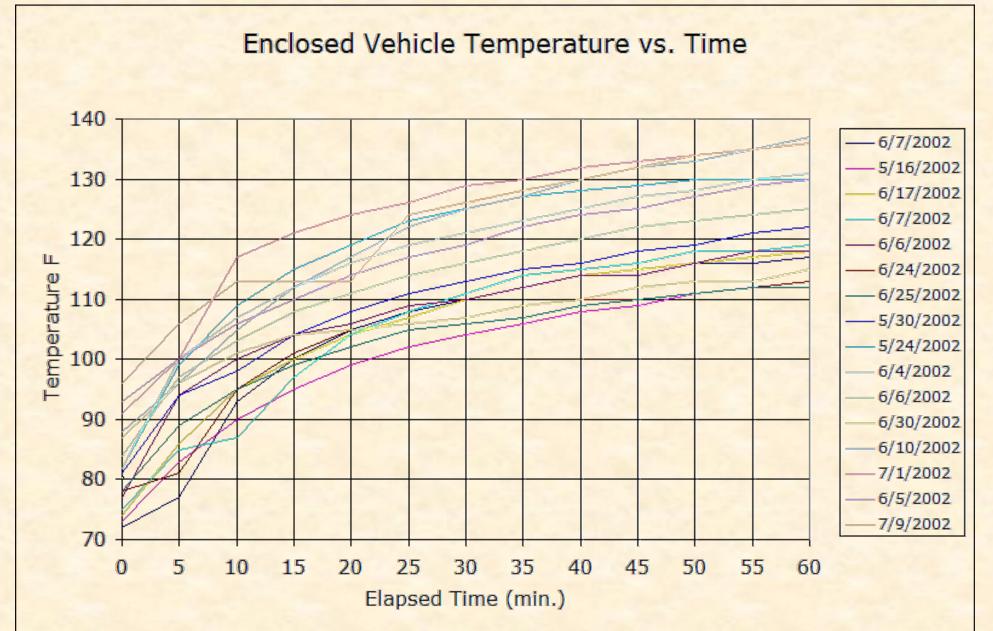


How Hot?

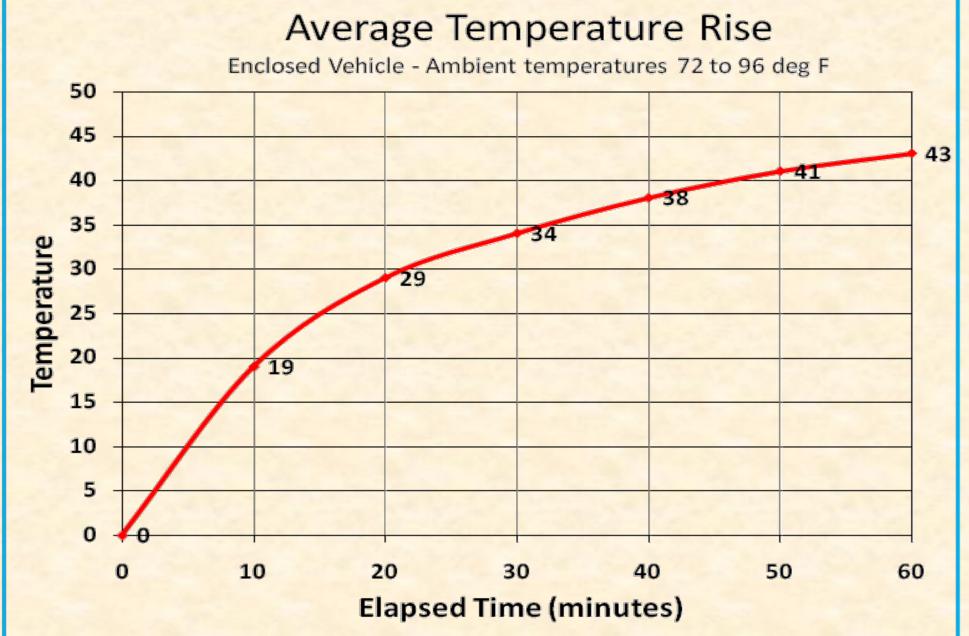
Ambient Temp: 95°

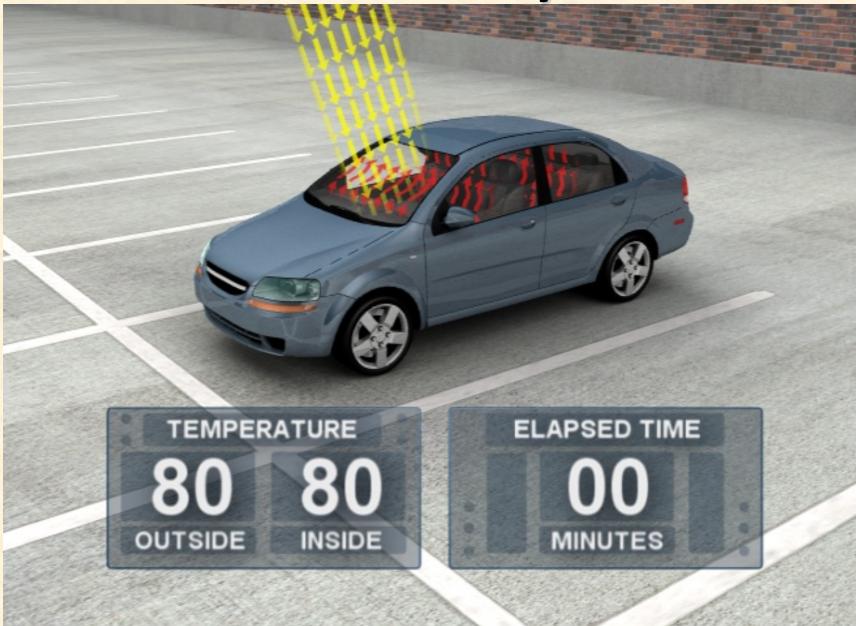


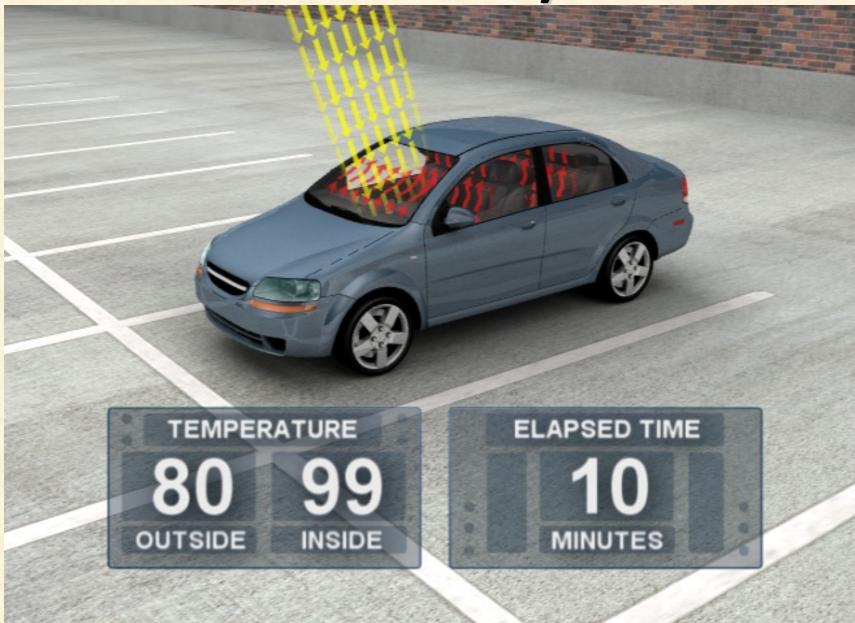
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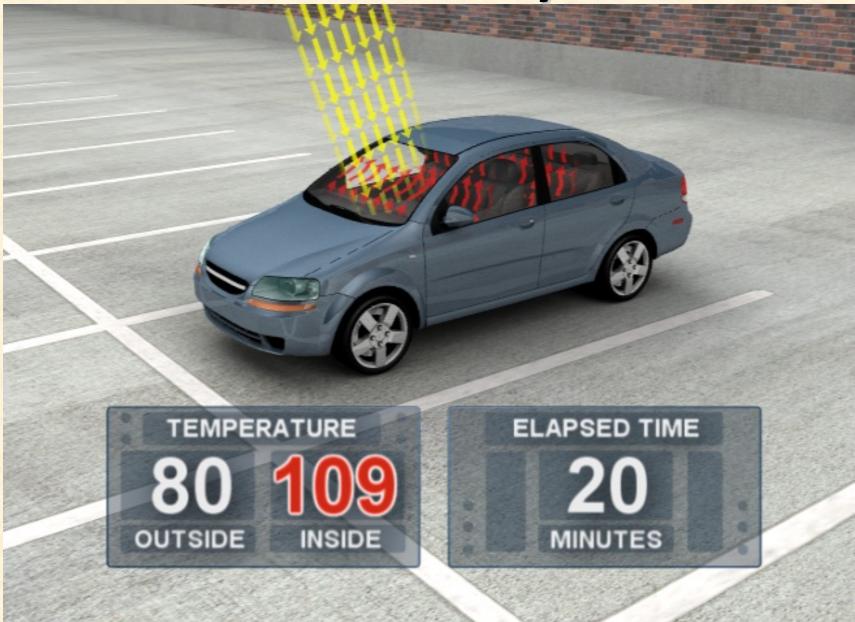


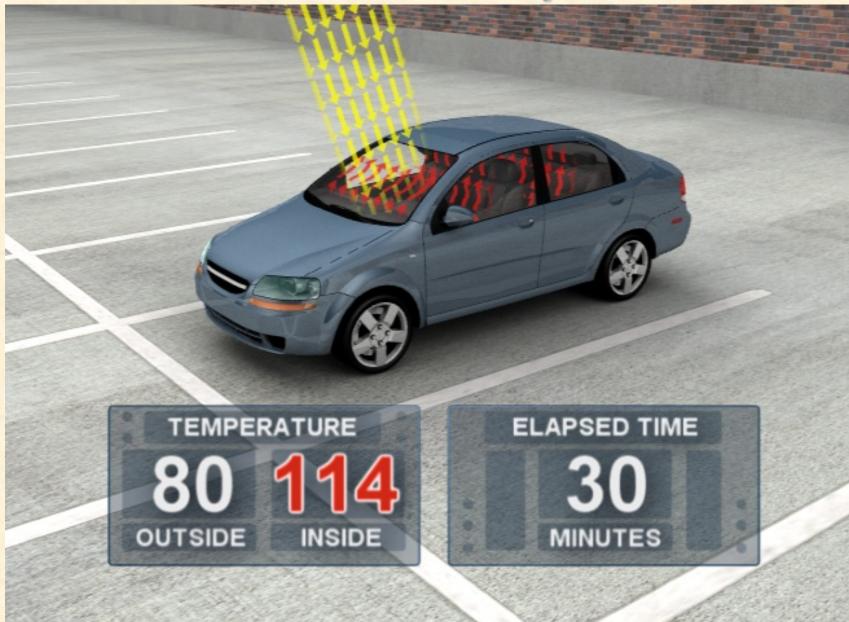
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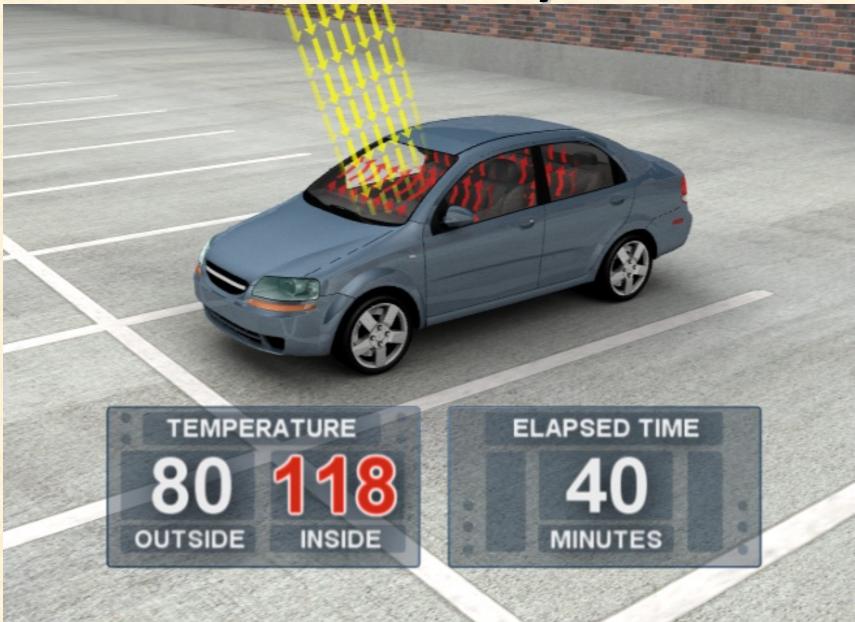


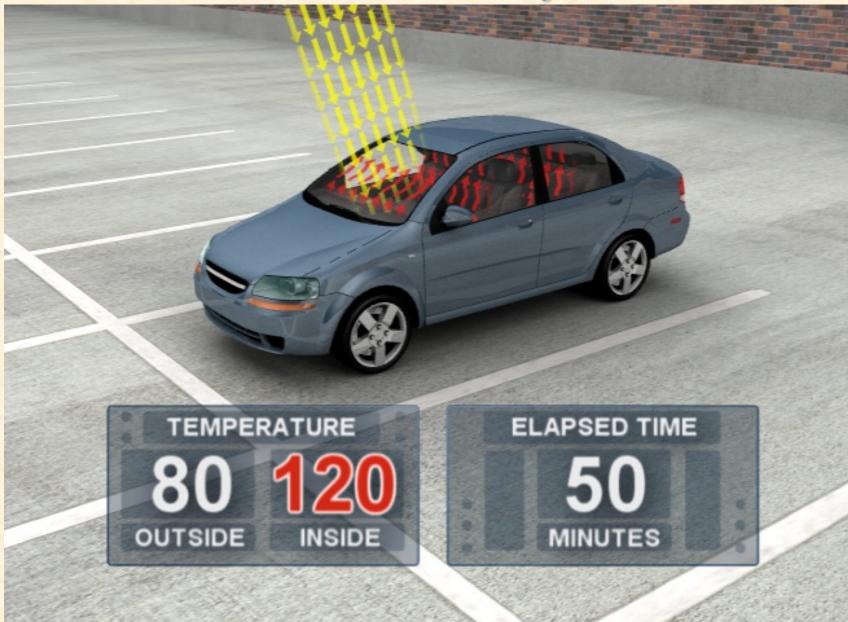


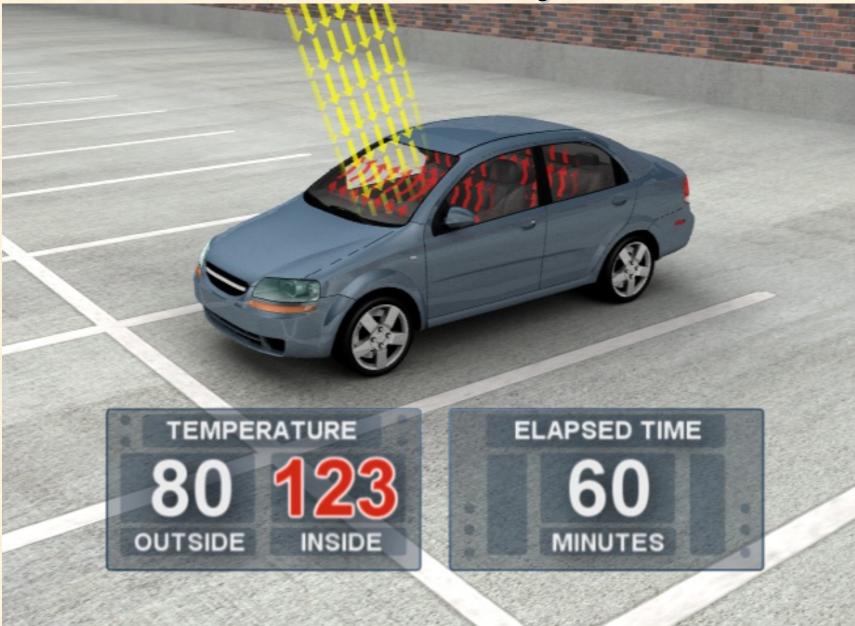












How Hot? How Fast?

Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

Elapsed		Ou	tside Air						
Time	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	129
20 minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124	129	134	139
30 minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129	134	139	144
40 minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133	138	143	148
50 minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136	141	146	151
60 minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153
>1 hour	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	155

— Published data

Anecdotal extrapolated data

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How Hot? How Fast?

4-Hour Vehicle Heating



Vehicle Heating Summary

- Nearly half of temperature rise in 10 minutes
- 80% in first 30 minutes
- Temperatures "plateau" ~45-55° above ambient
- "Cracking" windows has minimal effect
- It does NOT have to be a "hot" day!
- Dark cars NOT necessarily worse than white cars
- Published: Pediatrics, 2005
- Updated at: http://noheatstroke.org

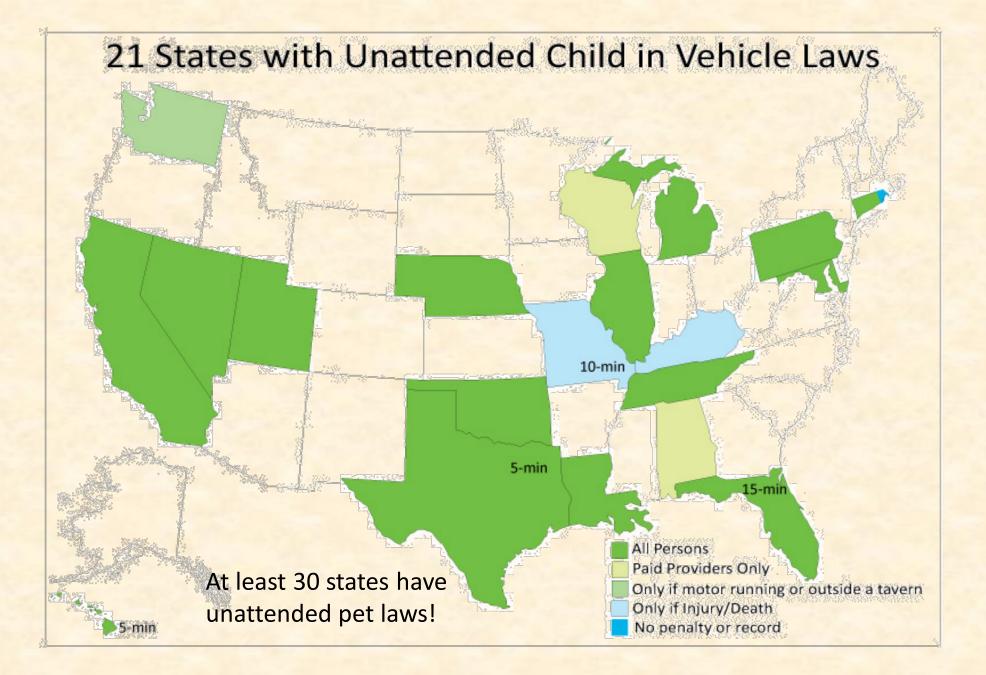
Tracking Cases

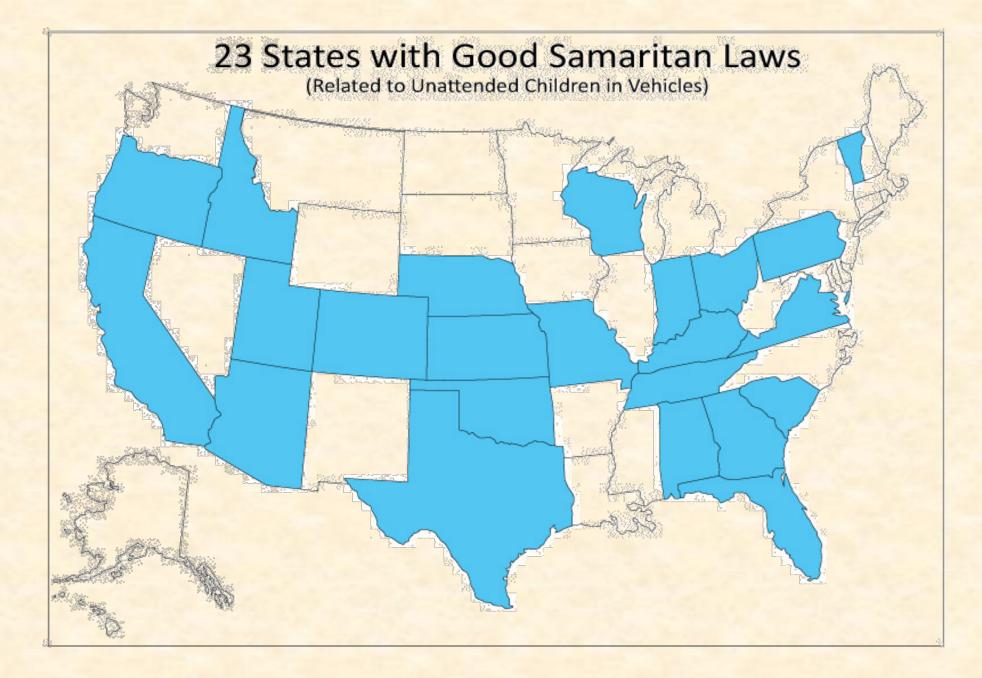
Methodology

- Electronic Media Reports
 - ~ 20 Google News searches
 - Contacts from media, authorities, etc.
- Death Certificate average only 50%
 - NHTSA report 2005-2007 = 19 per year
 - Improper or incomplete ICD codes

If you know of cases let me know!

Legal Miscellany

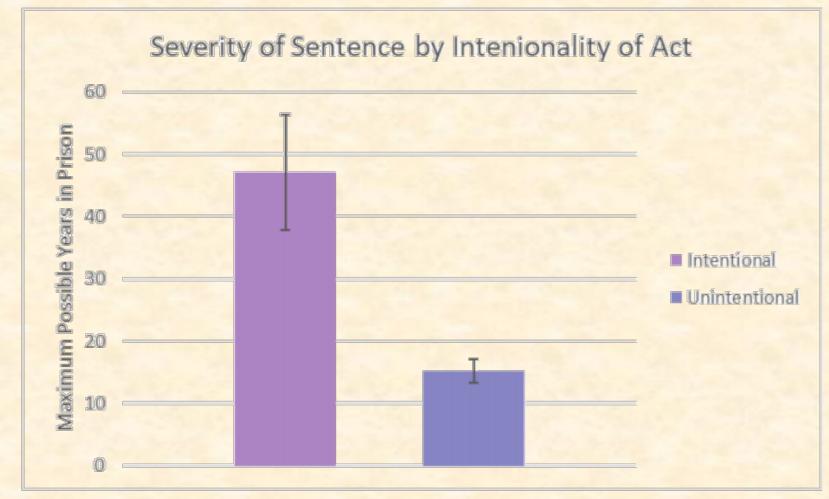




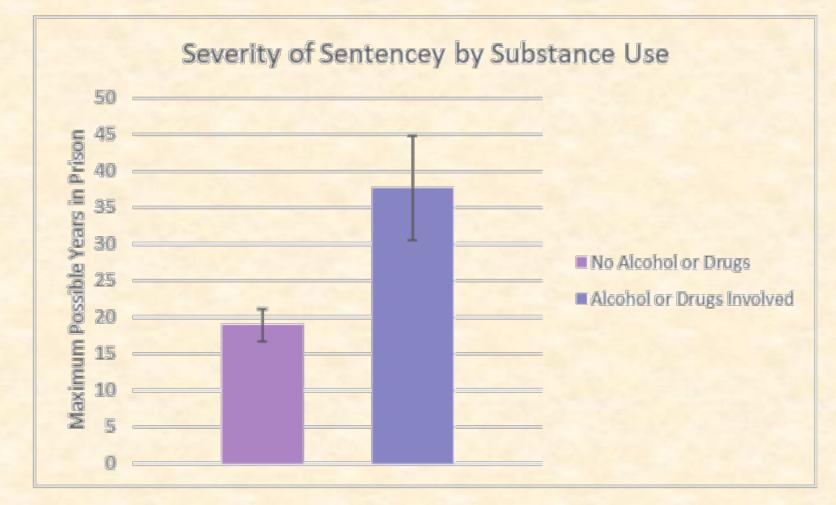
Sentencing Studies

- Mothers and fathers charged at similar rates
 - Mothers sentenced more harshly
 - 26% more like to do time
 - 2 years longer sentences
- 2019 Study: 44% of "Forgotten" charged, 77% of "Knowingly Left" charged
- Paid caregivers more likely to be charged and convicted
 - 84% charged, 96% sentenced
 - Jailed less frequently
 - 50% lighter sentences

Case Examination of Factors Impacting Charges in Cases Involving Children Left in Hot Cars



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Table 1: Severity of Actual Sentence Given to Parentsand Paid Providers

	Mother (N=40)	Father (N=24)	Paid Provider (N=15)
No Prison Time	48%	50%	33%
Prison < 5 Years	13%	25%	53%
Prison > 5 Years	40%	25%	13%

Technology

HOW ABOUT TECHNOLOGY?

- Hundreds of Inventors
- Approached monthly with ideas, patents, prototypes.
- But, have you ever seen one on the shelf at Target or Walmart.
- "I would never forget MY child"







HOW ABOUT TECHNOLOGY?

- ~20 auto models have reminders
- Voluntary Reminder Systems by 2025
- Not a panacea
 - Mostly "forgotten" category
 - Decade plus before most cars would have reminders
 - 200 million registered "light-duty" vehicles
 - "Forgotten" 19 per year
 - 10% of vehicles = 1.9 saved per year

BUT . . .

- Main Focus is 54% "Forgotten"
 - Former HOT CARS Act (previous Congress)
 - If Phased in...
 - By Year 10 (~2030) approximately 65% of vehicles replaced
 - 65% x 54% x 37 = 13 lives saved!!
 - BUT NOT 25 OTHERS
 - Most impacted under-served that do not get new cars
 - Only one of many layers of protection

Safety Recommendations

ACTIVE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

 Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle - NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE!

If you see a child unattended in a hot vehicle CALL 9-1-1

 If a child is missing-CHECK THE POOL FIRST then VEHICLES, including their trunks

PROACTIVE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Be sure that all occupants leave the vehicle when unloading.
- Develop a routine of "Look Before You Lock"
- Keep a reminder in carseat
- Put "go-to" objects in the backseat

PROACTIVE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Teach your children that vehicles are never to be used as a play area.
- Keep keys and remote devices out of their reach
- If trapped, teach them to honk the horn

PROACTIVE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

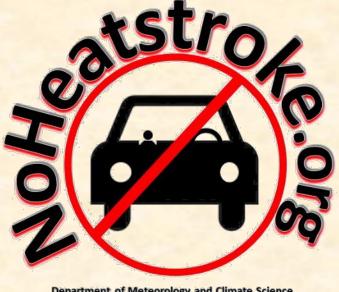
Have a plan with your childcare provider

 If your child does not show up, have them contact you

ars are not babysitters.

Summer sun beating on a parked car can generate dangerous heat inside. It's no place to leave children.

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Questions and Answers



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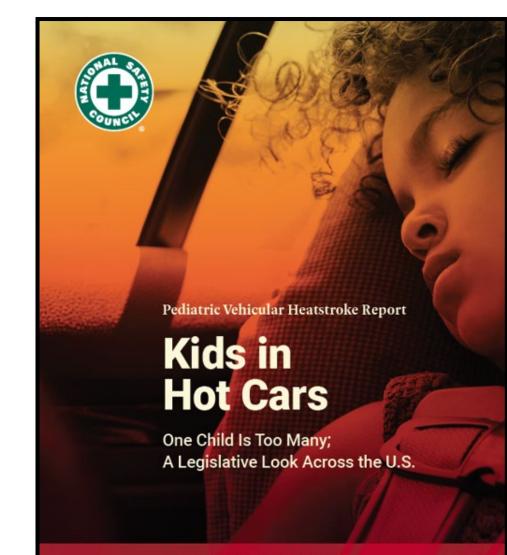
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Legislative Report

One Child Is Too Many



Eliminating Preventable Deaths"



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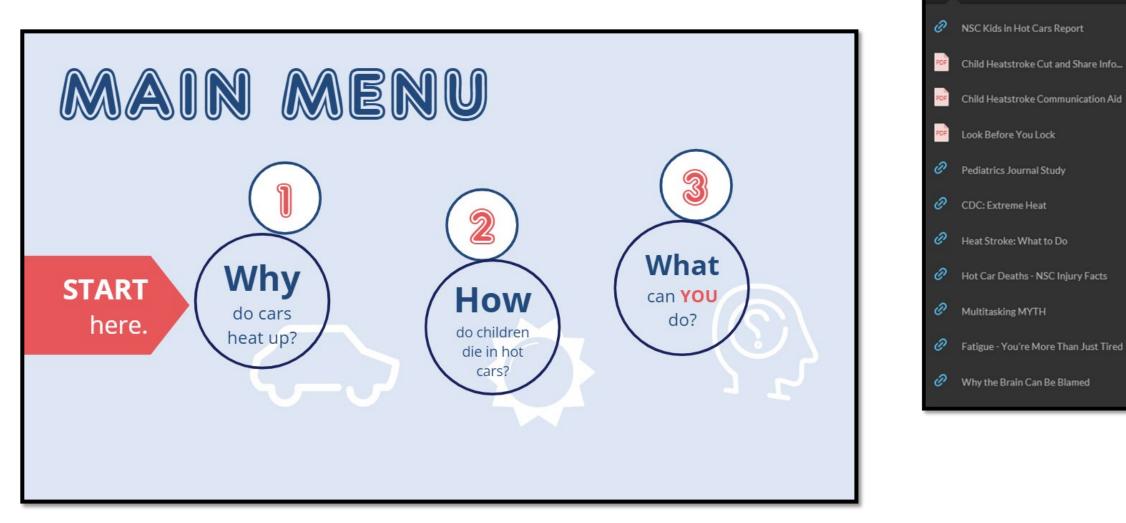


Available in Spanish





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RESOURCES TRANSCRIPT GLOSSARY HELP

"But...

I would never

unknowingly leave **MY** child in the car!"



Child heatstroke deaths happen to well-intentioned parents and caregivers.



Additional Resources





Communication Aid to assist in sharing information with others.

Additional Resources



Cut and Share Handout

1/2 sheet size,2 per sheet



Additional Resources

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LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK!

Create a routine! Check off the tasks you will try today.

Make it a routine to open the back door of your car every time you park.

If you are driving a child, after you correctly buckle them in a car seat or booster seat—put something you need at your destination in the back seat so you will open the back door: a cellphone, employee badge, handbag, or other item you need to keep with you...even your left shoe!

Ask your babysitter or child care provider to call you if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.

Keep a stuffed animal in the child's car seat. Place it on the front passenger seat as a reminder when the child is in the back seat.

(()) Set the alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at child care. Remember to make the alarm song/sound different from all other alert sounds on your device.

If you have a change in routine, such as your spouse or parent dropping your child off at child care instead of you, make sure you and the other person communicate to confirm the drop-off was made.

Consider technology that alerts drivers to check the back seat. (Vehicle and child restraint manufacturers have been working on various evolving alert systems and some technologies are available now!)

National Safety Council

Create a consistent routine.

Always look before you lock.



AWARENESS IS KEY DISTRACTION IS DEADLY

ABOUT of pedestrian fatalities 0% occur in parking lots

of child heatstroke deaths 24% occurred at a workplace*



53%

txdrivingconcern.org

of child heatstroke deaths in hot cars are children left unknowingly in a vehicle*-often after the driver became distracted (e.g. by a phone call from work) or varied their routine.

Pediatric Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths



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children die in hot cars than any other state in the U.S.*

*1998-2020



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See and be seen. Make eye contact with drivers.

National Safety Council finds as many as two-thirds of drivers may be pulling into shopping centers distracted.

LOOK before you lock, and ALSO when you WALK

Make it a routine to open the back door of your car every time you park.

Be a mindful walker! Keep an eye out as you walk through a parking lot. Look and listen.

If you see unattended children trapped in cars, call 911 immediately. Have someone else search for the driver or ask the facility to page them.

HOT happens FAST!

Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

	OUTSIDE Air Temperature								
ELAPSED TIME	70	75	80	85	90	95			
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95			
10 minutes	89	94	99	104	109				
20 minutes	99	104	109			114			
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Talking Points Infographic (1/2 sheet size, 2 per sheet)

DISTRACTION is deadly.

DISTRACTION & HOT CARS Save a Life

You arrive at work on a pleasant 75-degree day. After parking and locking your car, you enter your workplace. Outdoors, how hot is the inside of your car after 20 minutes?

- a. 78 degrees
- b. 85 degrees
- c. 94 degrees
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Answer: 94 degrees

- ✓ Are you surprised?
- \checkmark On average, the temperature inside a vehicle will rise 19 degrees in just 10 minutes!
- Even on mild or cloudy days, temperatures inside vehicles can reach life-threatening levels. HC02

Safety Coach Cards



VEHICLES at the WORKPLACE

Parking Lot Dangers

Safety Guide for Employers and Employees



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DIY Mini-zine



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WORKPLACE

parking lots are where many child hot car deaths occur.

Pedstrians: Watch for parking lot safety concerns, and pay attention to dangers such as children unattended in vehicles.

Visit <u>https://nsc.org/hotcars</u> for tools, tips, and training!

Also visit: https://www.noheatstroke.org/ and txdrivingconcern.org



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USE (and share) your Mini-Zine!

Estimated Vehicle Interior Air Temperature v. Elapsed Time

	OUTSIDE Air Temperature								
ELAPSED TIME	70	75	80	85	90	95			
0 minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95			
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+ How Can a Child Be Forgotten?

- 🛱 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- The Issue: nhtsa.gov/campaign/heatstroke
- Programmatic recommendations and tips:
 - Child Safety
 - Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of non-crash fatalities among children.
 - Prevention Tips
 - What You Need to Know, Now.
 - Quiz: Test Your Knowledge
 - Tips to Avoid Child Heatstroke
 - Always Look Before You Lock
 - · Keep in Mind a Child's Sensitivity to Heat
 - Understand the Potential Consequences of Kids in Hot Cars
- Traffic Safety Marketing Heatstroke Campaign Assets "Park. Look. Lock."

+ Safe Kids Worldwide

- + National Safety Council
- + NoHeatstroke.org
- + KidsAndCars.org
- + American Academy of Pediatrics
- + Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PARK. LOOK. LOCK

baby

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Maximize Safety For Our Youngest Passengers



Thank you!

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Questions and Answers



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