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# Everyone Can Help Prevent Hot Car Deaths

## Parents and Caregivers:

1

**Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended for any length of time.**

Rolling windows down or parking in the shade does little to change the interior temperature of the vehicle.



2

**Make it a habit to check your entire vehicle—especially the back seat—before locking the doors and walking away.**

Over 50% of pediatric vehicular heatstroke deaths are a result of a parent or caregiver forgetting a child in a car.



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3

Ask your childcare provider to call if your child doesn't show up for care as expected.



4

Place a personal item like a purse or briefcase in the back seat, as another reminder to look before you lock. Write a note or place a stuffed animal in the passenger's seat to remind you that a child is in the back seat.



5

Store car keys and fobs out of a child's reach and teach children that a vehicle is not a play area.



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