

Never 
leave a child alone in a car.



Not even
for a minute!

Left alone in a vehicle, even for a short time, a child is in danger of **dehydration, injury, abduction or death.**



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- Never leave children unattended in or around an automobile.
- Always put your keys in a safe and secure place.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even at home, and remind your friends and neighbors to do the same. Unlocked cars pose a risk to children who are naturally curious and often fearless.
- Teach your children the dangers of a car and let them know it is not a toy or playground.
- Make your child as visible as possible. Place rear-facing car seats in the middle of the back seat.
- Establish a routine of checking the back seat every time you exit the car to ensure no one is left behind. Do not overlook sleeping infants.
- Place your child's diaper bag or a small toy in the front seat to serve as a constant, visible reminder of your child's presence in the car.
- Place your purse, briefcase or other personal item in the back with the child to give you an additional reason to check the back seat.
- Try to plan ahead when you have errands. Run errands when your spouse, trusted neighbor or friend can watch your child.
- Remember to use the drive-through convenience provided by banks, dry cleaners, pharmacies, restaurants and other businesses.
- Use your debit or credit card at the gas pump.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks immediately.

*It's a car accident
you can prevent.*



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