

# Never Leave a Child Alone in a Car!

A car can be an extremely dangerous place for a child who has been left alone, **even if only for a few minutes.**

## Did You Know?

- Each year hundreds of children are hospitalized or even killed after accidentally **setting a car in motion.**
- Tired and stressed parents can **overlook a sleeping baby or toddler** when leaving a car.
- On average, 38 children die in hot cars each year from **heat-related injuries.**
- Other vehicle-related dangers include: **incidents involving power windows, seat belt strangulation, falls, kidnapping during car theft and carbon monoxide poisoning.**



## Keep Kids Safe!

- Be sure to **look before you lock!** Keep a stuffed animal in your child's car seat. Place it on the front seat as **a reminder when your child is in the back seat.**
- Check your vehicle to **see if it can be shifted into gear** without your foot on the brake.
- Keep your **car locked** so that children can't get in it alone.



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

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