



Heatstroke is the number one vehicle-related killer of children, outside of crashes. As the weather gets warmer, the dangers to children increase. Parents and caregivers must always remain vigilant to ensure that these preventable deaths stop.

Remember: **Never** leave a child in a vehicle unattended, always look in the back seat every time you leave your car, and always lock your car and put your keys out of reach from children.

Come up with some ways to remind yourself that your child is in the car, such as placing a briefcase, purse, or cell phone next to the child's car seat. That way, you'll always check the back seat before you leave your car. Make it a habit to call your spouse after you've dropped your child off at daycare to make sure you didn't forget. You can also ask your child care provider to call you if your child doesn't arrive. Set a reminder on your cell phone or download a baby app that includes reminders.

If you are a bystander and see a child alone in a hot vehicle, make sure the child is okay and responsive. If the child is not okay or is unresponsive, call 911 immediately. If the child appears to be okay, you should attempt to locate the parents or have the facility's security or management page the vehicle owner over the PA system.

If the child appears in distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child—even if that means breaking a window. Bystanders should know that states have “Good Samaritan” laws that protect them from lawsuits for helping a person in an emergency.

The current stats as of 5/08/2019:

- Number of child heatstroke fatalities this year: 6
- Number of child heatstroke fatalities in 2018: 52
- Number of child heatstroke fatalities in 2017: 43
- Average number of child heatstroke fatalities per year since 1998: 38
- Total number of child heatstroke fatalities from 1998 - present: 801



Share information with parents and caregivers, and remind everyone to “Look Before You Lock”

National Heatstroke Prevention Day - July 31

