

# NEVER leave children alone in or around vehicles...Not even for a minute!

Many caring and responsible parents have left their children alone in a car, not realizing the risks involved. Some parents think it is okay to leave a child alone in a car while they run into a store, quickly drop off dry cleaning or while dropping off another child at school. Results of leaving a child alone in or around a vehicle can be deadly.

- ! The temperature inside a car can reach deadly levels in minutes.
- ! Children can set the vehicle in motion.
- ! Drivers have difficulty seeing small children when they back up.
- ! The child may leave the vehicle to go look for you.
- ! Your child can be abducted.

## REMEMBER...

- \_ A car is not a toy....
- \_ A car is not a playground...

## AND

- # A car is certainly not a babysitter.

## SAFETY TIPS

- < Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even to run a quick errand.
- < Keep vehicles locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.
- < Keys should never be left within reach of children.
- < Teach your children to never play in or around a vehicle.
- < Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle.
- < Always make sure that all child passengers have left the car after it is parked,
- < If a child is locked inside a car, get them out as quickly as possible. If they are very hot or seem sick, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.
- < When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks right away.

This and other information including the most current number of incidents, victims and fatalities involving children left unattended in and around vehicles is available from:

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