

# HOT as an OVEN!

## NEVER leave a child alone in a car— *even for a minute!*



Outside Temperature

101°F

Inside Vehicle  
Temperature

120°F

Within 10 Minutes

**An average of 38 kids die from being trapped in cars each year in the U.S.**

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.
- A car is not a babysitter – Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows slightly open.
- It is against the law in Oklahoma to leave your child unattended in a vehicle.

**Routines and distractions have caused people to mistakenly leave children behind in cars.**

- Place an item that is to be carried from the car, such as a cell phone, purse, briefcase, or gym bag, on the floor in front of the child in the back seat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off children at child care. Have a plan with your child care if your child is late that you will be called within a few minutes.
- Set your cell phone to remind you to drop your child off at child care.
- Set your computer calendar program to ask, “Did you drop off your child at child care today?”

**Prevent trunk entrapment.**

- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle—especially at home.
- Keep keys out of the reach of children.
- Check vehicles and trunks immediately if a child is missing. (If you have a pool, check the pool first.)



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