Every year, millions of terrified parents hear the stories of children who were left in a car during the summer, too often resulting in severe illness and even death. Sadly, all of these tragedies were 100 percent preventable. Parents can avoid such a tragedy by remembering a few simple rules.

- **Don't Underestimate the Heat** - Temperatures inside a car rise at alarming rates during the summer, even when it is only moderately warm outside.

- **Don't Risk It** - Never leave a child in an unattended car for any amount of time, even with the windows rolled down.

- **Look Again** - Make sure all children exit the vehicle when you reach your destination. Take special care to ensure that sleeping infants are not overlooked.

- **Check for Hot Car Seats** - Prior to restraining your children, check the temperature of the child safety seat surface and seat belt buckles to avoid unintentional burns or discomfort.

**Governor launches public safety campaign**

Gov. Deal, First Lady Sandra Deal and the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning yesterday premiered the “**Look Again**” safety video to remind parents, caregivers and the public about the dangers of leaving children unattended in vehicles.

“During Georgia’s hot summer months, there is a higher risk of serious injury or death as a result of a child being left alone inside a vehicle,” said Deal. “Since 2010, seven children in Georgia have died due to vehicular heat stroke. I ask that all Georgians join me in preventing future loss of life by being aware of your surroundings and never taking the chance of leaving a child in a car, even for just a minute. Lives can be saved if we take the time to Look Again.”