

Heat Stroke



Kids in Hot Cars

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."

