



Kids and Cars

How to Prevent Tragedy

Car Safety Tips

- Never leave your children alone in a car, even with the windows down
- If you have to leave your car, even to run a quick errand, take your children with you
- Never use a car as your substitute babysitter
- Do not leave your children in a car without adult supervision for any length of time—not even for a minute!
- Make a habit of looking in your vehicle, front and back, before leaving — **look before you leave**
- Lock your car and secure your keys to prevent children playing inside the car
- Be especially careful if you change your routine and have someone else drive your child—follow up to ensure they arrived at their destination

What Can You Do if You See a Child Alone in a Car?

- Don't delay—call 9-1-1
- Give your location, vehicle license plate information and approximate age/condition of child
- Wait for police/emergency services to arrive
- If the car is unlocked, open the doors and shield the windows with a blanket or safely remove the child from the vehicle

If you have any questions or concerns,
contact the Halton Children's Aid Society
at 905.333.4441

Facts

- The temperature inside a parked car can exceed 50°C within 10 to 20 minutes on a typical Canadian summer day
- Opening the window(s) slightly DOES NOT reduce the temperature
- Heatstroke occurs at 40.5°C
- Young children, especially infants, are three to five times more sensitive to heat than adults
- Rising temperatures inside a car can cause a child to suffer from heat stress, dehydration, shock and, in extreme cases, even death

