

Information from Safe Kids Worldwide

.... Never leave your child alone in a car

Temperatures inside a car can rise 19 degrees in only 10 minutes. A child's body heats up three-to-five times faster than an adult's body. When body temperature reaches 104 degrees, internal organs start to shut down. When it reaches 107 degrees, the person dies. Symptoms can quickly progress from flushed, dry skin and vomiting to seizures, organ failure or death.

This tragedy can be prevented if parents, caregivers, bystanders and the public remember to ACT:



For more information
visit safekids.org



Allegany County
Department of Emergency Services

- A:** Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.
- C:** Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you are not following your normal routine.
- T:** Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 9-1-1. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.