

# Kids and Cars

## Dangers

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- ◆ Backovers
- ◆ Frontovers
- ◆ Power Windows
- ◆ Trunk Entrapment
- ◆ Vehicles Set Into Motion

We know how important the safety of your children is to you and everyone who cares for them. You drive a safe car and make sure they are correctly restrained in car seats. But, there are other dangers in and around motor vehicles even the most careful parents can overlook.

- Heat Stroke — On average, 38 children die in hot cars each year from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside motor vehicles. Even the best of parents or caregivers can overlook a sleeping baby in a car; and the end result can be injury or even death.
- Backovers — Every year, thousands of children are killed or seriously injured because a driver backing up didn't see them. A backover incident typically takes place when a car is backing out of a driveway or parking space.
- Frontovers — Every year, thousands of children are hurt or die because a driver moving forward very slowly didn't see them. These incidents, for the most part, take place in residential driveways or parking lots and are referred to as 'frontovers.'
- Power Windows — Power windows in vehicles have killed or injured thousands of children. It takes just 22 pounds of force to suffocate or injure an infant while power windows can exert an upward force of 30-80 pounds of force.
- Trunk Entrapment — The trunk of a vehicle may seem like the perfect hiding spot for an innocent game of "hide-and-go-seek." However, children do not understand how quickly the temperature inside the trunk of a vehicle can rise. Internal trunk release mechanisms are now required in all vehicles with trunks.
- Vehicles Set into Motion — Each year hundreds of children are hospitalized or even killed after accidentally setting a car into motion. This is caused by leaving the keys in the car or leaving a child unattended.



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