

This site has lots of information about Kid safety and cars.

<http://kidsandcars.org/>

It also has links to several technological gadgets to help prevent kids from being accidentally left in a car.

Here are some facts about the frequency of heat related car deaths, as well as a few articles

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2008/07/10/ST2008071002712.html>

>>Since 1998, more than 376 children across the country have died after being left in hot vehicles, said Jan Null, an adjunct professor of meteorology at San Francisco State University, who maintains an accounting.

The 90-degree high in Herndon on Tuesday would have made the air temperature inside the Yukon higher than 130 degrees, he said.

Null said in about half the cases of heat-related car deaths he has tracked, the parent or other driver simply forgot about the child. In 30 percent, children got into cars to play and became trapped. In the rest, children were left on purpose while caregivers did other business. <<

<http://ggweather.com/heat/>

>>Already in 2008 there have been at least seventeen deaths of infants >>and

children after being left inside a hot vehicle. Last year there were a total of at least thirty-five such fatalities in the United States due to hyperthermia after they were left in hot cars, trucks, vans and SUV's. This sadly followed 42 and 30 child deaths in 2006 and 2005 respectively. Since

1998 there have been at least a total of 364 of these needless tragedies.

This study shows that these incidents can occur on days with relatively mild (i.e., ~ 70 degrees F) temperatures and vehicles can occur reach life-threatening temperatures very rapidly. <<

Airbags vs. Hyperthermia Deaths

In the three-year period of 1990-1992, before airbags became popular, there were only 11 known deaths of children from hyperthermia.

In the most recent three-year period of 2004-2006, when almost all young children are now placed in back seats instead of front seats, there have been at least 110 known fatalities from hyperthermia...a ten-fold increase from the rate of the early 1990s. (graphic)

<http://ggweather.com/heat/airbags.gif>

[Important note: This in no way implies that it is advocated that children be placed in the front seat or that airbags be disabled.]<<

http://www.philly.com/dailynews/local/20080624_Granddad_who_left_tot_in_hot_car_is_charged_with_manslaughter.html

>>>Yesterday, Kanterman, 59, of Lansdowne, was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of Nicholas McCorkle, whom he had picked up at his daughter's house on June 10 and was supposed to drop off at a Drexel Hill day-care center.

Instead, he went straight to work at CHI Institute in Broomall, where he taught classes from 8:05 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. while the toddler remained strapped in a car seat in Kanterman's Ford Explorer during a heat wave.<<

>>Janette Fennell, president of the nonprofit organization Kids and >>Cars, said that 10 children already have died this year after being left in a hot vehicle; about 36 children die each year in that manner.

Fennell's organization is pushing the automobile industry to install sensors to remind drivers of a child in the backseat.

"This problem isn't just going to go away," she said. "There is a way to end these. We just need everybody to come together, just like we did when kids were being killed by airbags." <<<

http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_9884268

>>FARMINGTON - The day Kamilyn Kartchner Hadley caused the death of her infant son by leaving him outside in an oven-like car, the 31-year-old Clearfield woman had a lot on her mind.

Her family had been displaced from their home by a gas leak, her husband was starting a new job, and Hadley's focus was on her work as a multilevel marketer when she visited an associate and forgot about her child, said 2nd District Judge Michael Allphin. <<

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