



KAITLYN'S LAW

NEVER LEAVE A CHILD ALONE IN A CAR
NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE

In the Fall of 2001 the Governor of California signed into law Senate Bill 255, also known as **Kaitlyn's Law**. Named for **Kaitlyn Russell**, a six-month old who died after being left alone in a parked car for more than two hours, the law makes it **illegal for a child to be left unattended in a motor vehicle**.

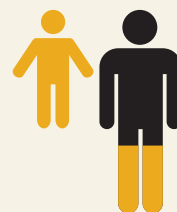


BETWEEN 1996 AND 2002

175+

CHILDREN DIED OF
HYPERTHERMIA
AFTER BEING TRAPPED IN
A MOTOR VEHICLE

AT LEAST
19+
DIED THIS YEAR
IN THE UNITED
STATES



CHILDREN'S BODY
TEMPERATURE RISES

3 to 5
TIMES FASTER
THAN ADULTS



90%+
AGE 3 AND UNDER

1/3 WERE THE
RESULT OF
CHILDREN CRAWLING INTO
UNLOCKED CARS



Dangers to children left
unattended in cars include:



- Heat stroke (hyperthermia);
- Carbon monoxide poisoning;
- Runaway vehicles;
- Carjacking;
- Child abduction;
- Trunk entrapment;
- Self-release from car seat;
- Emotional trauma.



WHAT TO DO?

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National SAFE KIDS Campaign recommend following these safety rules to avoid heat-related injuries or other vehicle dangers:



CHECK TO MAKE SURE
ALL CHILDREN
LEAVE THE VEHICLE
PARTICULARLY WHEN
LOADING AND UNLOADING.

PLACE A REMINDER, SUCH AS A DIAPER BAG NEXT TO YOUR BRIEFCASE



NEVER LEAVE A
CHILD IN A VEHICLE
THAT IS RUNNING
OR WITH A KEY IN THE IGNITION



KEEP
CAR KEYS
AWAY FROM CHILDREN



DON'T OVERLOOK
SLEEPING
INFANTS



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO
NOT PLAY IN
OR AROUND CARS



KEEP FOLD-DOWN SEATS
CLOSED
TO PREVENT CHILDREN
FROM GETTING INTO THE TRUNK

In accordance with Kaitlyn's Law, **70% of the proceeds from fines are used for the development** and implementation of community education programs on the dangers of leaving children unattended in motor vehicles.



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