

Prevent your child from
being unknowingly left
in the car

Stop. Look. Lock.



Every Death is Preventable Safe Habits for Parents and Childcare Providers

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| Make sure car seats are used correctly & properly installed | Directly supervise children when cars are leaving or arriving at home | Carry children in parking lots or use a stroller or shopping cart |
| Buckle up for <u>every</u> trip! | No playing in the driveway unsupervised | Teach children to wave to the driver before crossing in front of a car |
| If trapped in a car, teach kids to honk or turn on hazard lights | Help children understand that drivers cannot see them | "Look Before You Lock" – check the back seat for a child every time you park |
| Always keep cars locked and keys away from children | Never leave a car running in the garage | Learn how to turn child safety door and power window locks on or off |



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Keeping Kids Safe in Cars

Childproof Your Ride

In the Car With Your Child

Stash Loose Items

Toys, sports gear, handbags, etc., can become projectiles in a crash and cause injury or death. Properly restrain or put loose items in the trunk.



Keep the Power Window Lock On

Power windows can be very dangerous for children. Teach your kids to always be cautious and to not play with the controls.

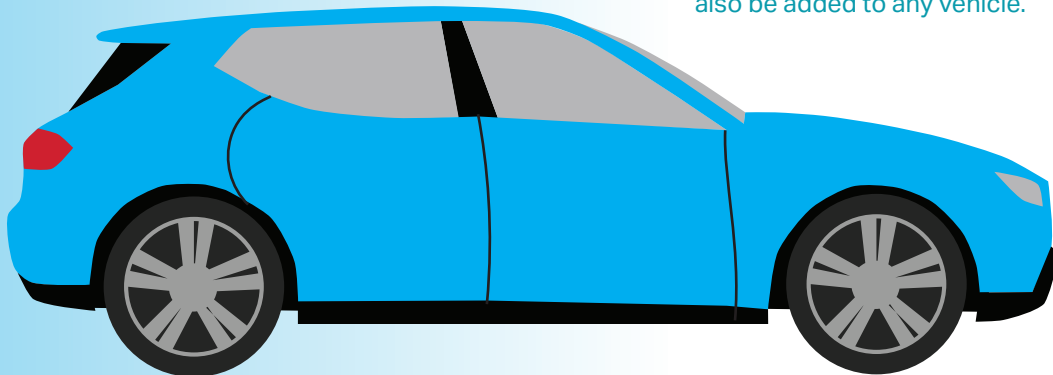
Buckle Seat Belts on Every Trip

No matter how short. Most crashes happen within a few miles of home.



Activate Child Safety Rear Door Locks

Prevent children from falling or getting out of a car. Be aware, these can also prevent a child from getting out if they are trapped inside. Teach kids to honk the horn and/or turn on the hazard lights in case they become trapped.



When your Child is Not in the Car

Never Leave an Unattended Vehicle Running

- > Outside, they can easily start to roll.
- > In garages, deadly carbon monoxide can leak into your home.
- > Be cautious with keyless ignitions as they are easy to be accidentally left on.

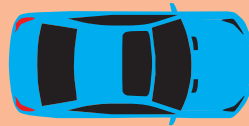
Put Your Parking Brake on Every Time You Park

Some vehicles can be put into gear without your foot on the brake.

Be Aware of Blindzones

There are areas on ALL sides of ALL vehicles where a child can't be seen by the driver. Most driveway crashes happen when a child leaves the home unnoticed. Directly and actively supervise children when anyone is arriving or leaving the home and also in parking lots.

UP TO 50'



8-15'

SUVs, minivans and trucks may have larger blindzones.

Always Check Backup Cameras!

All new vehicles (2018+) come with them, but they can also be added to any vehicle.

Watch Out for Heatstroke

The warning signs of heatstroke can include:

- > Red, hot, and moist or dry skin
- > Absent sweating, even though the child is warm
- > Strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse
- > Throbbing headache
- > Dizziness
- > Nausea
- > Confusion
- > Grouchiness or strange behavior



If you are a bystander and see a child in a hot vehicle:

- > Make sure the child is okay and responsive.

IF NOT, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.

- > If the child is not responsive or appears to be in distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child — even if that means breaking a window.

Many states, including Maine, have "Good Samaritan" laws that protect people from lawsuits for getting involved to help a person in an emergency.