



Safety Tip of the Week

Hot Car Safety

As temperatures rise, the danger inside parked vehicles increases rapidly—even with the windows cracked! Even on mild days, the temperature inside a car can climb to deadly levels within minutes. Hot car incidents are preventable and being aware of the greenhouse effect in your car, not leaving children and pets in the car without AC, and double checking before locking your car can save lives. On just an average 70°F day, in 10 minutes, the temperature reaches about 90-104°F. In 20 minutes, 100-115°F, and in 60 minutes, the temperature can exceed 115-120°F. Heatstroke can occur when body temperatures reach 104°F, causing serious injury or death.



Hot Car Safety for Children & Pets

- Never leave a child or pet unattended in a vehicle, even for a short time;
- Always check the back seat before locking your car;
- If you cannot bring your pet inside, leave them safely at home.

Car Safety for Drivers

- Stay hydrated during hot weather travel;
- Keep emergency water, sunscreen, and a phone charger in your vehicle; and
- Watch for signs of heat exhaustion: Dizziness, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, and rapid heartbeat.

Remember:

If you see a child or pet alone in a hot vehicle, call 911! Stay aware and look in the car before you lock it. Never leave children and pets in a car without AC. Furthermore, take precautions to keep your car locked so children can't gain access.

DON'T LEAVE PEOPLE OR PETS IN HOT CARS!