



Dear Editor:

As a teacher/child care provider in (CITY), I understand the important role that each of us plays in ensuring the children in our community remain safe. I take this responsibility very seriously, and that's why I want to remind everyone of a very real danger that tragically takes the lives of too many children each year—heatstroke from being left in unattended vehicles.

There are a few simple things families can do each morning to lessen their chances of their child accidentally being left in a car.

- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front to back – after you get out and before walking away.
- If you are dropping your child off at childcare, and normally it's your spouse or someone else who drops them off, call and compare notes to make sure the drop-off went according to plan.
- Have a plan with your childcare provider so they will call you if your child does not show up for childcare by a certain time.

It is also important to teach children to never to play in a car. Lock your vehicle every time, and put your keys out of reach to be safe.

By working together, we can help protect our children from heatstroke, and a few simple steps can make the difference between life and death. For more information, visit www.safercar.gov/heatstroke because kids in hot cars are a deadly combination.

Sincerely,

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