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Helpful Tips to Keep Your Kids Safe in the Hot Months

WACO, TEXAS (April 29, 2020) – The Waco Police and Fire Departments are teaming up to remind us all that the weather is starting to warm up and we need to make sure not to leave children or pets in a unattended vehicle and lock the doors when you get home.

Many times kids are so quiet in the backseat that we can forget they are even there, and it can be tempting to leave a sleeping child in the car so you don't wake them up while we quickly run into the store. But leaving a child alone in a vehicle can lead to serious injury or even death.

Here are some tips to prevent heatstroke from occurring:

Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT

1. **A**void heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not inside so kids don't get in on their own.
2. **C**reate reminders. Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the backseat when traveling with your child.
3. **T**ake action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations.

For more information visit noheatstroke.org to learn how to prevent this from happening.

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