

# “I Only Left Her Alone For A Minute!”



## Do You Know What Could Happen to Your Child If Left Alone In A Car?

- Heat Stroke & Death
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Child Abduction



## Child Abduction

The statistics are startling when it comes to missing children. In 2007, 23,756 children were reported missing in Ohio.

Infants and young children need appropriate supervision at all times to keep them safe. Leaving your child unattended, even for a brief time puts your child at risk of being abducted.

Older children need to be warned of the dangers and properly informed of safety issues - issues that might save their lives.

## Heat Stroke & Death

Because of its many windows, the inside of your car is like a greenhouse. It sounds incredible, but even if the weather is mildly warm and you leave your windows slightly opened, the temperature inside the car can reach 120 degrees to 140 degrees in a matter of minutes.

The symptoms of heat exhaustion include high body temperature, mental confusion, headache, nausea, lightheadedness, muscle pain and cramping. A heatstroke is an extension of heat exhaustion in which a child's temperature rises to greater than 104 degrees. In extreme cases, coma and death may occur if treatment is delayed.

## LEAVING YOUR CHILD IN A PARKED CAR CAN BE A DEADLY MISTAKE!

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