HOT as an OVEN!
NEVER leave a child alone in a car—even for a minute!

49 children died from heat exposure last year in the U.S.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.

- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows slightly open.

- It is against the law in Oklahoma to leave your child unattended in a vehicle.

Routines and distractions have caused people to mistakenly leave children behind in cars.

- Place an item that is to be carried from the car, such as a cell phone, purse, briefcase, or gym bag, in the floor in front of the child in the back-seat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.

- Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping little kids at daycare. Have a plan with your daycare if your child is late that you will be called within a few minutes.

- Set your cell phone or Blackberry to remind you to drop your child off at daycare.

- Set your computer calendar program, such as Outlook, to ask, “Did you drop off your child at daycare today?”

Prevent trunk entrapment.

- Teach children not to play in any vehicle.

- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle—especially at home.

- Keep keys out of children’s reach. Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.

- Check vehicles and trunks first if a child goes missing.

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