

## **Keep Your Child Safe, Look Before You Lock!**

Hot weather is back and on average, **every 10 days a child dies from heatstroke in a vehicle. These deaths are preventable**, and everyone in the community has a role to play in **protecting our children**. Here is **what you can do**:

- **Always make a habit of looking in the vehicle**-front and back-before locking the door and walking away.
- **Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle**-even if the windows are partially open or the engine is running with the air conditioning on.
- **Place an item** that is needed at your final destination **in the back of the vehicle next to the child** or place a stuffed animal in the driver's view to indicate that a child is in the car seat.
- **Call 911 immediately if you see a child alone in a hot vehicle**. If he or she is in distress due to heat, get the child out as soon as possible and cool him or her down rapidly.

**\*Don't forget pets can also die from heatstroke. It doesn't take long for a car to heat up, even with the windows cracked. It's never a good idea to leave a pet in the car!**

### **Resources:**

<http://www.safekids.org/heatstroke>