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Police Department:



From the desk of Chief Sturgill...

Children in hot cars are a deadly combination. Whether intentional or accidental, these deaths are preventable. The following are some helpful tips to make sure it doesn't happen to your child or a child you know.

Remember:

- Never leave a child alone in a parked vehicle, even with the windows rolled down or air conditioning on.
- Always look in both the front and back of the vehicle before locking the door and walking away.
- Never let a child play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that it is not a safe play area.

If dropping off a child is not part of your normal routine, then come up with ways to remind yourself that the child is in the car.

Tips:

- Place your purse, briefcase, or cell phone in the backseat or near the child, so that you always check that area.
- Have your spouse make reminder calls after the estimated drop off time.
- Have the child-care provider call you if the child is not dropped off at a determined time.
- Place a "sticky-note" on dash board, set a cell phone reminder, or there is also the Baby Reminder App for I-Phones.

If you find or see a child alone in a hot vehicle:

- Always make sure the child is safe and responsive. If not, call 911 immediately!
- If the child appears to be safe, have someone attempt to locate the parents. Use the facility's security or management to page the car owner. Stay with the vehicle!
- If the child is not responsive and appears to be in distress, attempt to get into the car to assist the child, even if it means breaking the window.

Dangerous conditions can occur in temperatures as low as 57 degrees. On an 80-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes!

"PLEASE LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK!"

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill

