

Trunk Entrapment

Children are naturally curious and love to explore their surroundings. Beware; inquisitiveness can end in a tragedy. If you leave your kids unattended, in or near a vehicle, it won't be long before they are playing in it. Hide and seek can turn deadly if they get trapped in the trunk, where temperatures can rise very quickly - resulting in heatstroke or asphyxiation.

Prevention Tips:

- Teach children not to play in or around cars. Teach them that vehicle trunks are for cargo, not for playing.
- Always supervise children carefully when in and around vehicles.
- Check the trunk right away if your child is missing.
- Lock your car doors and trunk, and be sure keys and remote entry devices are out of sight and reach of children.
- Keep the rear fold-down seats closed/locked to keep children from climbing into the trunk from inside your car.



Retrofit your car:

Auto manufacturers are required to equip all new vehicle trunks with glow-in-the-dark trunk release mechanisms inside the trunk compartment. Show your kids how to use the release in case of an emergency.



If your car does not have a glow-in-the-dark trunk release, consider having one installed. There are several types available.

The Heat Factor:

Younger children are more sensitive to heat than older children and adults, and are at greater risk for heatstroke. High temperature, humidity and poor ventilation add up to an extremely dangerous environment in a vehicle trunk. Even in cooler temperatures, your vehicle's trunk can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. An outside temperature in the mid 60s can cause a vehicle's inside temperature to rise above 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The inside temperature of your car can rise almost 20 degrees Fahrenheit within the first 10 minutes.

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