

# Vehicle Rollaway

According to the United Services Automobile Association Educational Foundation, most rollaway accidents begin when an unattended child releases the emergency brake or shifts the vehicle from park into gear. With the key in the ignition, automatic transmissions may be shifted "out of park" even if the vehicle's engine is off and the driver's foot is not on the brake. If you leave the key in the ignition and turned to the accessory mode (to listen to the radio, open/close the windows, etc.), your vehicle's automatic transmission may be shifted out of "Park" if you or a child moves the gear selector.



## Prevention Tips:

- Teach children not to play in or around cars.
- Supervise children carefully when in and around vehicles.
- Keep vehicle locked when unattended.
- Never leave keys in the car.
- Engage your emergency brake every time you park.
- Verify whether or not your vehicle has a Brake Transmission Safety Interlock (BTSI). Read the owner's manual to find BTSI-equipped vehicles.

## What you need to know:

- When the vehicle is set in motion, children may become scared and jump out of the vehicle only to be injured or run over. They can also be hurt inside the vehicle, especially if they are unbelted and the vehicle is in motion. Sometimes, the vehicle may end up running over someone else.
- Many vehicles today have a BTSI which is a safety technology intended to prevent children from accidentally putting a vehicle into gear.
- All vehicles with automatic transmission with a Park position, manufactured for sale after September 1, 2010, must have BTSI.



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