

“Never Leave a Child Unattended in a Car”

The temperature inside a vehicle can become like an oven within minutes. Even on a moderately cool day the temperature inside your car can exceed 100° within minutes. When it is 88° outside, lethal temperatures can be reached within 10 minutes or less.

A child’s body temperature increases 3-5 times faster than that of an adult and they can become dehydrated within minutes. Cracking the windows and having a vehicle of a larger size or a lighter color does little to reduce the temperature inside your vehicle. Even in a previously air conditioned car, the temperature will increase rapidly.

This is a serious public health and safety issue and with the summer season near, the Chino Valley Independent Fire District would like to offer the following *safety tips* about leaving children in, or allowing them to play around cars:

- **Teach children not to play in, on or around cars.**
- **Never leave a child unattended in a motor vehicle, even with a window slightly open. This applies to pets as well.**
- **Always lock car doors and trunks and keep keys out of children’s reach.**
- **Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading or unloading. Check to ensure that all children are out of the vehicle and don’t overlook sleeping infants.**

For additional safety tips, please contact the Chino Valley Independent Fire District at (909) 902-5260.