

*Never* leave a child alone in a car.



*Not even* for a minute!

Left alone in a vehicle, even for a short time, a child is in danger of heat stroke, injury, abduction or death.

## Where's Baby? Look Before You Lock.

- **Check the back seat.** Place your purse, briefcase, laptop or other personal item on the floorboard of the back seat area with the child to serve as a reminder to look.
- **Practice extra caution** especially during changes in your routine.
- **Pay at the pump** at gas stations.
- **Use the drive-through convenience** provided by banks, dry cleaners, pharmacies, restaurants & other businesses.



# It's a tragedy *you can prevent.*

- 👏 Never leave children alone in or around vehicles.
- 👏 Always Look Before You Lock. Establish a routine of checking the back seat every time you exit the car to ensure no one is left behind. *Do not overlook sleeping infants.*
- 👏 Ask your babysitter or childcare provider to call you if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.
- 👏 Place your child's diaper bag or a large stuffed animal in the front seat to serve as a constant, visible reminder of your child's presence in the car.
- 👏 Make your child as visible as possible. Place rear-facing car seats in the middle of the back seat.
- 👏 Always keep car keys & remote openers out of reach of children.
- 👏 Keep vehicles locked at all times, even at home, & remind your friends & neighbors to do the same. *Unlocked cars pose a risk to children who are naturally curious & often fearless.*
- 👏 When a child is missing, check vehicles & trunks immediately.
- 👏 Teach your children the dangers of a car & let them know it is not a toy or playground.
- 👏 Try to plan ahead when you have errands. *Run errands when your spouse, trusted neighbor or friend can watch your child.*



*Don't forget!*

**Rufus**

