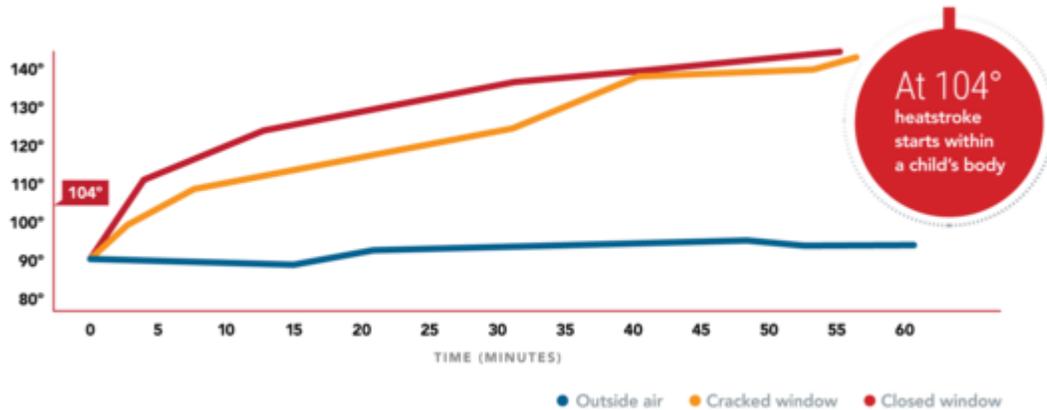


Transportation Safety

Look Before You Lock

Cracked Window Temperature Compared to Closed Window Temperature



The inside of a car can get hot – even after only a few minutes. A child can overheat quickly, leading to heat stroke, which can cause serious brain damage and death. Though many states have laws about keeping children in cars safe, caregivers play the most important role in preventing hot car deaths. The majority of hot car deaths occur when a child was unknowingly left in a vehicle or entered into the vehicle on their own.



Child Care Licensing would like to remind you:

- Never leave a child alone in a vehicle.
- Walk and check the inside of the vehicle, both in and under each seat.
- Have a second person check the vehicle.
- Have a visual reminder such as a sticker, keychain, or hangtag that helps you do the walkthrough.
- Complete a name to face attendance when unloading from the vehicle.
- Always lock the vehicle and put the keys out of reach of children.
- Use reminders that a child is in the vehicle. Leave something you need in the back seat, like your shoe or phone or leave a stuffed animal or toy in the front seat to then place in the car seat after the child is removed from the car.
- Talk to children about the dangers of playing around cars and watch them closely when they're around cars.
- If you ever see a child left alone in a vehicle, call 9-1-1 right away.

Please review the following resources and share your staff and families. This is an avoidable tragedy!

ItsThatSerious.org

[Protecting Children From Extreme Heat: Information for Parents](#)

NoHeatStroke.org

SaferCar.gov/Heatstroke

HelpandHope.org

If you need additional resources or assistance please reach out to your [local licensing office](#). Have a safe and healthy summer!