

# Never Leave Children Alone in a Car



Leaving children alone in a car is very dangerous, especially on warm or hot days. It can cause serious harm or even death. In Victoria, it's illegal, with penalties including fines or up to six months in jail.

## Why is it dangerous?

### CARS HEAT UP QUICKLY:

On mild days, the temperature inside a parked car can rise 20 to 30 degrees higher than outside in just minutes. For example, if it's 30°C outside, the inside of a car can reach 60°C very quickly.

### CHILDREN OVERHEAT FASTER:

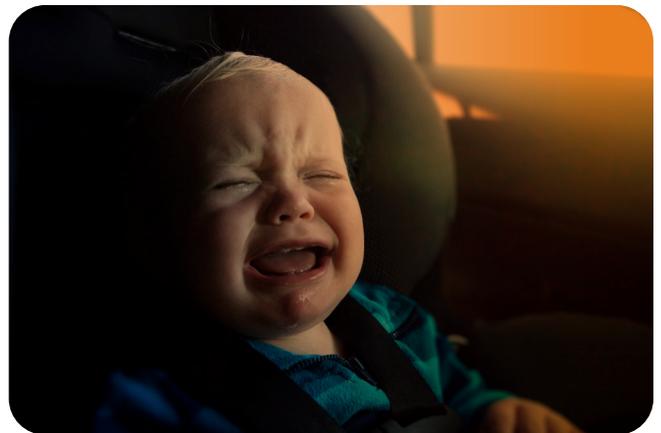
A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's. This can lead to heat stroke, brain damage, organ failure, or severe dehydration in a very short time.

### SIZE DOESN'T MATTER:

Big cars heat up just as fast as small ones.

### LEAVING WINDOWS OPEN DOES NOT HELP MUCH:

Leaving windows open slightly lowers the temperature by only about 5°C, which isn't enough to make it safe.



**Keep children safe:**  
Never leave them alone in a car, not even for a short time.  
The risks are serious and happen quickly—don't take the chance.

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