

Hot Cars Cause the Deaths Of 37 Children Each Year With Florida Second In the Nation Of Such Deaths

With summer temperatures coming to Bradenton Florida soon, parents and child care givers need to be aware of the danger to children. A grim statistic illustrates just how widespread the problem is for young children. For children under 14 years old heat stroke is the number one cause of none-crash vehicle related deaths.

Parents and care givers should also understand it only takes 10 minutes for the inside of a car to heat up 20 degrees – opening a window a bit does not help reduce the heat and when it's extremely hot outside like it often gets in Florida, this can happen even faster.

Caregivers should get into the habit of NEVER leaving a child locked in a hot car. However the one study found that in more than half of the cases a child in the back seat was quiet or asleep and the parent or caregiver simply forget to take them out of the car.

To prevent this from happening new parents or caregivers should come up with a way to remind them. One simple way is to put an essential item next to the carseat such as your wallet or cell-phone. Another simple way is to wear a rubber band around your wrist as a reminder.

Bystanders can be lifesavers in this. If you see a child locked in a vehicle call 911 to report it and emergency responders will be able to take care of the situation.

What makes this situation so dangerous is it only takes going one time to forget about a child in a car and with today's hectic lifestyles and busy schedules it can be easy for a parent to become distracted and leave their sleeping child in a locked car while they are running errands.

Several groups are attempting to raise public awareness of this problem including Safe Kids, Kids and Cars and more information and safety tips can be found on their websites.

As personal injury lawyer in Bradenton Florida I have seen all too well what can happen when someone is forgetful or reckless in their actions. This is even more tragic when it involves children, so please this year, be on the lookout in parking lots and remind friends and family to always check the car before locking the door.

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