

# Parents Warned About the Dangers of Hot Cars

Inside a vehicle, the temperature on a hot day can rise as much as 20 degrees in 10 minutes. This is according to a report by CBSDFW, in which some truly shocking cases of children being left in vehicles and suffering from heat related illnesses are detailed.

## Deaths

In the article, it is revealed that last month, a three-year-old boy died inside of the daycare van. The medical examiner found that the death was the result of the extreme heat in the vehicle.

Texas has a law that prohibits leaving children under seven years of age in a car unattended for longer than five minutes. In addition to children, people sometimes leave their pets in vehicles on hot days, unwittingly ending up killing their animals because of the heat inside the vehicles.

Even though it is the end of summer, the Dallas-Fort Worth area can still get very hot. On a moderately hot day – between 70 and 80 degrees – the interior of a car can still get hot enough to be dangerous to children. The best policy is to always take your children out of the car with you or, preferably, to leave them at home if you have someone who can watch them while you're away.

## Injuries

Even though the fact that children could very well die inside a hot vehicle is obviously something that's going to jump to the front of most people's minds, it's important to remember that serious injuries can occur because of heat. Heat stroke, for instance, is a potentially deadly condition that can develop rapidly. In small children, it can cause very real damage and may entail a long recovery.

## Be Smart

Pay attention to how hot it is outside before you take your children for a drive. If you know that you're going somewhere where you can't take them, consider dropping them off at a neighbors or a daycare while you take care of your business and then picking them up afterwards. If you can, of course, it'll be a lot more fun to take your kids with you when you go anywhere, so there's really no reason that any child should be left in a hot car unattended.

Heat isn't the only damage that children face from vehicles. During the summer, there are a lot more drivers on the road and they sometimes cause injuries or negligence. If this happens to your child, talk to an [Irving Texas car accident attorney](#) about filing a lawsuit for negligence.