

## Vehicle Safety - Hot Car Accidents

***ALWAYS Look before you lock!***

As of July 17, 2021, there have already been eight children who died in the US this year due to a child being left in a hot car?

Unfortunately, far too many children have been inadvertently left in vehicles or have gotten into a vehicle on their own. Vehicle heatstroke tragedies change the lives of parents, families, and communities forever.

It is never okay to leave a child alone in a car, even for a few minutes and even if the car is running. Watch this video showing how easy it is to get distracted, putting your child in danger.



### Hot Car Dangers

So, what should you do if you see a child alone in a car? **Get involved!** Call 911 immediately. The 911 operator can help give you instructions on how to care for the child.

If the child is not responsive or is in distress, immediately:

- Get them out of the car by any means necessary.
- Move them to a cooler environment (somewhere with AC or shade if AC is not available)
- Remove child's clothing to let the heat dissipate from their skin.
- Dampen them with cool water or wet rags, immerse in cool water (not in an ice bath)
- If the child is responsive and not in distress:
  - Stay with them until help arrives.
  - Ask someone else if they can locate the driver. For example, you might suggest they ask the security of a store manager to page them.

### Warning Signs of a Heatstroke

- Hot, flush, or red
- Slow, weak pulse or strong, rapid pulse
- Lethargy, confusion, or strange behavior
- Nausea

- No sweating

The solution to these preventable tragedies is a combination of education and technology. Charlie's House and our community partner, KidsAndCars Safety, provide ways to prevent accidents and injuries in and around the home and vehicle. [Click here](#) to learn more about the vital work of KidsandCars Safety.

## Safe Home Safe Child Award

The 1st Annual Safe Home – Safe Child Award recognizes a business, organization, and individual's commitment to injury and accident prevention for children.

DATE: September 30, 2021

TIME: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

LOCATION: The Gallery Event Space, 61 E 14th St. KC MO 64105.



To learn more about this event and/or to purchase tickets to attend, please [click here](#).

## SAFETY DEMONSTRATION HOUSE

### *Featuring the Nursery Area*



As a new parent, you will be spending a lot of time in the nursery, so take steps now to make sure it's a secure environment for your little one.

The nursery is one of the rooms featured in our Safety Demonstration House. Examples of the critical injury and accident prevention

messages we provide in the nursery area include:

- The ABC'S of Sleep.
- Safety practice while your baby is on the changing table.
- Dangers of falling asleep in a rocker or chair while holding your child.
- Make sure your crib meets current government safety standards.

- Recommendations we offer to parents to make your nursery is safe includes:
- Remove mobiles, bumper pads, toys, pillows, and stuffed animals from the crib.
- Fit the crib mattress snugly, without any gaps, so the baby can't slip in between the crack and the crib side.
- Put the baby to sleep on their back in a crib with a firm, flat mattress -- no soft bedding underneath them.
- Arrange the nursery so that the crib, playpen, and other low-standing pieces of furniture are away from the windows.
- Do not let your baby fall asleep in portable swings or bouncers.
- For other ways to baby-proof your nursery and other areas in your home, [click here to get a BabyProof Checklist.](#)

## Featured Safety Devices in our Nursery

- Outlet Plug protectors in unused electrical outlets. About 100 kids die every year by electrocution. There are several varieties on the market. These devices are simple to install and keep children from inserting objects into an electrical outlet, potentially causing burns or shock.
- Furniture Tip-Over Straps. Every two weeks, a child dies when a television, piece of furniture, or appliance falls on them. Unfortunately, changing tables are often overlooked as a piece of furniture needing secured to a wall. Tip-over straps need to be attached to all of the furniture in the home.

Visit [Charlie's House Resouce Center](#) to order home safety devices today.

[CLICK HERE to schedule a tour of our Safety Demonstration House](#)

or take a [Safety Demonstration House virtual tour](#)

*Supporting Charlie's House enables us to provide safety information and devices to income-challenged families at no cost. Every year, Charlie's House gives out 10,000 safety devices through our Safety Resource Center, online [Safety Supplies](#), and our community partners - All at no charge. Many of the families receiving safety devices and safety education material are income challenged. Your gift helps these families make their homes safer for children.*



**Make Your Gift Today**

Safety Corner is a monthly resource published by Charlie's House, to increase awareness of safety issues and ways to prevent accidents and injuries to children in and around their homes.



