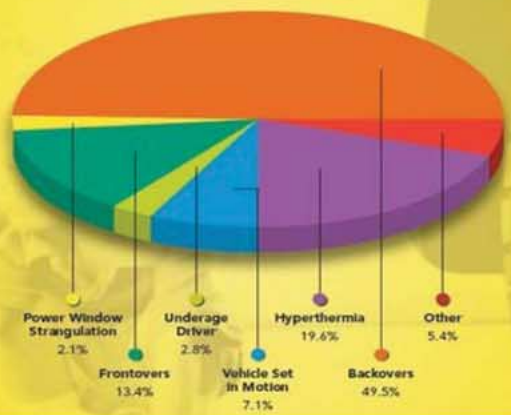


## Car related Incidents:

### U.S. FATALITIES BY TYPE (2002 – 2006)

Nontraffic Fatalities  
Involving Children < 15 Years Old



**Backed over by vehicle 49.5%**

**Hyperthermia**

**(left in hot vehicle) 19.6%**

**Front run overs 13.4%**

**Vehicle Set in Motion 7.1%**

**Other 5.4%**

**Underage Driver 2.8%**

**Power Window Strangulation 2.1%**

Data Source: KIDS AND CARS

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## Car Safety Reminders:

- \* **Open the back door** every time you leave your car. **“Look before you leave”**
- \* Always **use mirrors** to see your children in the car.
- \* **Always place your items in the back**, on the floor and/or place your children’s items in the front with you.
- \* **Don’t overlook quiet/sleeping babies!**
- \* **Never leave a child unattended in or around cars:** Running cars can be stolen or go into gear.
- \* Always **keep cars locked and keys away from children.**
- \* **Teach children never to play in or around vehicles.**
- \* Teach children how to get out of the car and trunk. **Have a trunk release installed in your car.**
- \* **Be careful about using safety locks**, as children may not be able to get out.

Tragedy can happen when you’re not aware. People forget to check their cars and more than 30 children die each year from heat related car incidents. And over 100 children die each year from other vehicle related incidents!

Tragedy has touched our lives, please don’t let this happen to you! Make a conscious effort to have reminders that your children are with you.

It’s when you get too busy and you don’t see them that tragedy can occur!



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# Child Car Safety



Basic information  
EVERY parent  
needs to know.

Don’t let tragedy  
touch your life!

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# Inside Car Safety

*Please don't forget your children in the car! Here are some suggestions to help:*

Just take the extra time to **“Look before you leave”**\* the car.

Open the back door! **Always open the back door** to get your things (purse, bag, books...)

See your children. **Use mirrors.** Never place the child behind your seat without being able to see them.

**Everything of yours goes in the back, on the floor, Everything** of your child's goes in the front!

**Follow-thru** on these steps EVERY time you are in the car and leave the car!

**Be aware of tinted windows!**

**Be aware of side sun shades!**

*You may not be able to see into your car and see your children*

If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. **Please do not leave children alone in or around cars for any length of time!**

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1. Make sure to have a plan with your child care provider: If you are not there by a certain time, have them call you!

2. Always call your child care provider to let them know if you won't be bringing your child in that day!

## Car Seat and Seat Belt Safety

(Adapted from [www.nhtsa.dot.gov](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov))

### Infants

Birth to at least 1 year and at least 20 pounds: **Rear-Facing infant only or Rear-Facing convertible** car seat.

Less than 1 year/20-35lbs: Rear-Facing convertible car seat.

### Toddlers

1-4 Years and at least 20 lbs to 40 lbs: **Convertible seat** - Forward facing  
**ALWAYS remember to use the LATCH system to secure the infant/toddler seats.**

### Young Children

4-8 years/ unless they are 4'9" (57") tall

**Belt-Positioning Booster:** no back or High Back Belt-Positioning Booster.

**NEVER use the lap-only belts with belt-positioning boosters!**

**12 Years and Younger are safer when placed in the BACK SEAT!**

**ALWAYS place children in the appropriate car seat. This can save their lives!**

## Backup safety

(adapted from [www.kidsandcars.org](http://www.kidsandcars.org))

- Always **check all the way around** a vehicle prior to moving it.
- **Know where your kids are** and that they are properly supervised by an adult.
- **Check your blind zone.** You might want to **install some type of back up detection device.**
- **Teach children not to play in parked vehicles** as they might move.
- **Keep children safe in and around cars especially during busy times, schedule changes and holidays.**
- **Hold your child's hand** when leaving or walking near cars.

## Resources and Websites:

For more information on car safety and safety items please refer to our website:

[www.becarsafe.org](http://www.becarsafe.org)

Other helpful sites include:

\*[seeandsave.org](http://seeandsave.org)      [kidsandcars.org](http://kidsandcars.org)

[nhtsa.dot.gov](http://nhtsa.dot.gov)      [kidsincars.org](http://kidsincars.org)

[4rkidssake.org](http://4rkidssake.org)      [safekids.org](http://safekids.org)

[ggweather.com/heat](http://ggweather.com/heat)

[www.becarsafe.org](http://www.becarsafe.org)