



Maricopa County
Attorney's Office
Keeping Families Safe

Vehicular Heatstroke

Vehicular heatstroke is a serious danger in our state. Parents, caregivers and pet lovers must take preventative measures to ensure a child or animal is NEVER left behind in a car.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is the nation's third largest prosecutorial agency serving nearly four million residents. With over 900 employees, MCAO delivers high quality prosecution, victim services and crime prevention education.

For more safety tips and information about Vehicular Heatstroke visit:

MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/VehicularHeatstroke



PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended—even if the windows are partially open or the engine is running with the air conditioning on.

When there is a change in routine, set a reminder on your cell phone, in your workspace and at home to confirm the child is safe.

Ask your childcare provider or school administrator to call you right away if your child hasn't arrived.

Create a habit of opening the back door and checking your entire vehicle before locking the door and walking away.

Place a stuffed animal in your front seat and an item in the back seat next to your child like your phone, wallet, or purse as a reminder to look before you lock.

Teach your children to honk if they are left behind or stuck inside your car.

If a child is missing, always check the car first, including the trunk.

EVERYONE

If you see a child or pet alone in a car, call 9-1-1, follow the operator's instructions and get them out immediately.

Double-check that your car doors and trunk are locked so children can't get into an unattended vehicle.

Store car keys out of children's reach and teach children that they shouldn't play in or around vehicles.

Request an educational presentation by emailing communityeducation@mcao.maricopa.gov