

# STAY SAFE IN THE SUMMER HEAT

## **NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILD ALONE IN A CAR**

Don't risk your child's life by leaving them in the car. A child's body can heat up five times faster than an adult's and even in cooler weather, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. On a mild day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees above the outside temperature in just 10 minutes or less.



- Make a habit of checking your vehicle before leaving it. **Look before you lock!**
- Keep a stuffed animal or other reminders next to you in the car as a cue that your child is with you.
- If you ever see a child alone in a car, **dial 9-1-1 immediately!**

## **DON'T FORGET OUR FURRY FRIENDS**

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so make sure you take precautions to keep your pet safe.



- Give your pet plenty of water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure to fill their water bowl before you leave.
- Make sure they have a shady place to get out of the sun.
- Be careful not to over-exercise your pet. Too much playtime in the hot sun is dangerous for them.
- Hot asphalt and tar can burn sensitive paw pads, walk your pet on grass or dirt when possible.
- Keep your pet indoors when it's extremely hot outside.
- **Never leave your pet in a car!** Pets can overheat in minutes so don't put them at risk! Leave them home during hot weather.

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