

Fact Sheet

Because life is too precious....

DOUBLE CHECK For Kids in Cars

Between 1998 & 2014, **28 children** in Arizona have died from heatstroke after being left in a car, ranking Arizona third in the United States, per capita*. In that same time period:



- In the U.S., **636 children** have died from hyperthermia
- An average of **37 children** died each year
- **336 children (53%)** were “forgotten” by a caregiver
- **186 children (29%)** were playing in an unattended vehicle
- **110 children (17%)** were left intentionally

Average time it takes for temperature to rise inside a vehicle

19° in 10 minutes

29° in 20 minutes

34° in 30 minutes

43° in 1 hour

Between 1998 and 2014, **More than half** of the deaths are children **under the age of 2**

< 1 year old = 197 Children/31%	5-years old = 22 Children/3%	10-years old = 3 Children/< 1%
1-year old = 142 Children/22%	6-years old = 9 Children/1%	11-years old = 2 Children/< 1%
2-years old = 126 Children/20%	7-years old = 3 Children/< 1%	12-years old = 1 Child/< 1%
3-years old = 82 Children/13%	8-years old = 3 Children/< 1%	13-years old = 1 Child/< 1%
4-years old = 39 Children/6%	9-years old = 2 Children/ < 1%	14-year old = 3 Children/< 1%

~ Heatstroke occurs when the core body temperature reaches 104°

~ A core body temperature of 107° F is usually fatal

~ A child's body warms 3 to 5 times *faster* than an adults

*Deaths per 1 million persons ≤ 14 years old; study conducted by San Jose State University (www.ggweather.com/heat/).

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