

Never leave a child
alone in a car.



PREVENTING INJURIES AT HOME, AT PLAY AND ON THE WAY!

Safe Kids
Indiana

Summer
2018

National Heatstroke Prevention Day, July 31st

National Heatstroke Prevention Day is July 31st. Please join Safe Kids Worldwide and Safe Kids Indiana in reminding the community, parents and caregivers and legislators the importance of preventing heatstroke deaths in the United States.

Since 1998, at least 767 children across the United States have died in cars from heatstroke. Sadly, so far this year, 24 children have died from heatstroke in cars.

Many people are shocked to learn how hot the inside of a car can actually get. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside of a car can rise 20 degrees in as little as 10 minutes and keeps getting hotter with each passing minute. And cracking the window doesn't help.

Please remember to educate everyone to **ACT**:

- **A: Avoid** heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids don't get in on their own.
- **C: Create reminders** by putting something in the back seat of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.
- **T: Take action.** If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.



*Photo from mock rescue June 2016.

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Safe Kids Worldwide Network Members Resource Center

Have you visited the Network Members Resource Center recently?

There are many resources that have been updated including:

[Heatstroke Awareness](#)

[Resources by Coalition Members](#)
New!

[Swimming in Open Water](#)

[Safe Kids Buckle Up Program](#)



International Walk to School Day

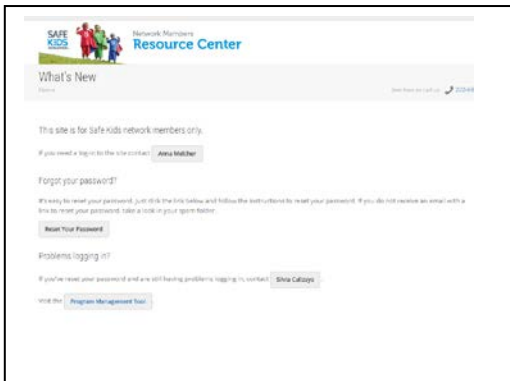
Plan your events for October 10, 2018

Every October, students across the nation participate in walk to school day events that promote pedestrian safety and awareness.

When working with students, schools, motorists and the community, it's important to give these reminders:

- Be especially alert and slow down when driving in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Pay attention to vehicles, street signs and traffic lights.
- Take action against distraction: teach kids to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street.
- Be a good role model while walking, biking and driving-including wearing appropriate safety items, looking both ways before crossing the street, and putting down devices.

While this is a very short list of reminders, visit <https://www.safekids.org/tip/pedestrian-safety-tips> for a complete pedestrian safety checklist. If you are participating in Walk to School Day, we would love to share your stories and photos. Please send to Marsha French via email (mwheatcr@iu.edu) by October 31st to include in the winter newsletter.



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UPCOMING SAFETY OBSERVANCES

JULY

- National Heatstroke Prevention Day-7/31
- Beach/Open Water Safety Month
- Camping Safety Month
- Travel/Vacation Safety Month

AUGUST

- Back to School Month

SEPTEMBER

- CPS Week, 9/23-9/29