

Preventing Trunk Entrapment



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- Always lock a vehicle's doors and trunk - especially when parked in the driveway or near the home – and keep keys out of children's sight and reach.
- If a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks first.
- If you see an unattended child in a car dial 911 immediately.
- Be aware of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to disable the driver's door locks should they become unintentionally entrapped in a motor vehicle. A toddler will not know to climb into the front seat to climb out of the vehicle.
- If you find your child in a locked car, get him out and dial 911 or your local emergency number immediately to check for signs of heat stroke.
- Teach children that trunks are only used to transport cargo and are not safe places to play.
- Show older children how to locate and use the emergency trunk release found in newer cars.
- Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to help prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.

For more information about trunk entrapment, visit www.safekidsspringfield.org