

Kids Unattended in Cars Safety Tips

Teach children not to play in or around cars.

Supervise children carefully when in and around vehicles.

Always walk around your vehicle and check the area around it before backing up.

Be aware of small children - the smaller the child, the more likely it is you will not see them.

Teach children to move away from a vehicle when a driver gets in it or if the car is started.

Have children in the area stand to the side of the driveway or sidewalk so you can see them as you are backing out of a driveway or parking space.

Make sure to look behind you while backing up slowly in case a child dashes behind your vehicle unexpectedly.

Take extra care if you drive a large vehicle because they are likely to have bigger blind zones. Roll down your windows while backing out of your driveway or parking space so that you'll be able to hear what is happening outside of your vehicle.

Teach your children to keep their toys and bikes out of the driveway.

Because kids can move unpredictably, you should actively check your mirrors while backing up.

Many cars are equipped with detection devices like backup cameras or warning sounds, but they cannot take the place of **you** actively walking around your car to make sure your children are safely out of the way. Do not rely solely on these devices to detect what's behind your vehicle.

Always put something you know you'll need, like your purse, wallet or cell phone on the floor of the backseat near your child.

Keep a large stuffed animal, like a teddy bear, in the car seat when your child is not in it. When your child is in his seat, put the bear in the front seat as a reminder of what's in the back.

Make arrangements with your child care provider that if your child is half an hour late without a pre-scheduled absence that they will call you.

