Summer Dangers . . . . Children and heat exposure in vehicles!

Did you know....

- **It can take less than 15 minutes for a child to suffer from heat stroke and die?**

- Leaving a child in a car on a sunny day can lead to death in a matter of minutes. See article "When Cars Become Coffins" for more information.
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- When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase three to five times faster than that of an adult? http://www.safekids.org

- With 95 degree outside temperature, the temperature in a vehicle can climb to 120 degrees in 15 minutes or less?

- With 95 degree outside temperature, a vehicle can reach temperatures in excess of 140 degrees in 35 minutes?

You would not leave a bag of money sitting in your car...why would you leave a child? Take your children with you!

Safety Tips:

- Never, under any circumstances, leave your children in the car without an adult.
- Always lock car doors and trunks, even at home.
- Always take a head count before and after reaching destinations.
- Put your pocketbook on the floorboard in the backseat of your vehicle, so you won't forget the child. (Seems silly, but it does happen)
- Put something of the child's belongings in the front seat with you - for example, a diaper bag or bottle.
- If your or someone else's child gets left in a vehicle and is exposed to high temperatures, call 911 immediately. Your quick actions could save a life!