

# Never leave kids alone in the car



## **Not even** if they're sleeping

It's never fun to wake a sleeping child but it's important to not leave children unattended in the car even if this means waking them up or trying to move them while they're sleeping.



## **Not even** in the shade or if it's cloudy

On hot days shade and clouds do not stop the heat from getting in to the car. Even on cloudy days it's important to take the child with you when you leave the vehicle.



Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia in the Australian Capital Territory



**Not even** with the car on and the doors locked

Leaving the car on may prevent overheating but there have been a number of cases of vehicles being stolen while children are in the car. It's important to keep keys and/or kids out of unattended cars at all times.

**Not even for a minute.**



The temperature inside a car rises rapidly and can be up to 30°C hotter than the outside temperature, this can mean that even on a coolish day the car can be over 50°C. It can take only 5 minutes for a child to over heat. You can never control your surroundings so even if you think you're only popping into the shops quickly there could be a line or an issue that takes you past the 5 minute mark

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