# **AAA Texas: Protecting Kids, Pets and Property During Dangerous Heat**

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**Bite 1**—How dangerous is it to leave an unattended child in a vehicle?

(in-:10, out-:26, TRT-:16) “Temperatures inside a car, even on a mild, sunny day, can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes. And children are particularly susceptible to heatstroke just for the simple fact that their bodies can heat up five times faster than an adult’s. So it can become a very serious situation quickly.”

**Bite 2**—What injuries can a child who is left unattended in a vehicle on a warm day sustain?

(in-:36, out-:51, TRT-:15) “You never want to leave a child or an animal unattended in a car, even if it’s just for a few minutes. Because temperatures outside in the nineties can actually rise to 125 degrees inside that car very quickly and that could cause brain damage or even death.”

**Bite 3**—Are there steps parents and pet owners can take to prevent an unattended vehicle injury or death?

(in-1:01, out-1:15, TRT-:14) “We live in such a busy world, so create reminders, maybe one that you’ll need for your next stop. Put it in the back seat. You could use your cell phone for instance. You certainly don’t need that in the driver’s seat and that could go a long way to helping you remember that you have a loved one in that back seat.”

**Bite 4**—What should I do if I see a child alone in a vehicle?

(in-1:26, out-1:38, TRT-:12) “If you do see a child alone in a locked car, get them out immediately. Call 9-1-1, but the most important thing to do is get them out of that dangerous situation as quickly as possible and cool them down properly.”