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## LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK!

The Simsbury Police Department would like to remind you to “Look Before you Lock!” During the summer months, please check your vehicles (and other vehicles around you) for unattended children and pets

On average, 38 children die in hot cars each year from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside motor vehicles. Even the best of parents or caregivers can unknowingly leave a sleeping baby or pet in a car; and the end result can be injury or even death.

Temperatures can reach triple digits in the car during the summer. High temperatures can become dangerous within minutes. Even opening windows or parking in the shade won't prevent your child or pet from getting overheated. Pets are especially susceptible to heat illness as they can only cool themselves by panting and sweating through their paws.

A few simple safety tips can help save a life:

- Never leave children/pets alone in or around cars; not even for a minute.
- Put something you will need (cell phone handbag, etc) on the floor in the backseat.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway.
- Make sure all passengers/pets have exited the vehicle after it is parked.
- Make arrangements with your child's day care center or babysitter to call if your child does not arrive at daycare as scheduled.
- If you suspect a person or pet is suffering from a heat related problem, lower their body temperature and call 911 for medical assistance for a person. Transport a pet to a local veterinarian for immediate care.

If you see a child or pet locked in a vehicle, please dial 911.