



Grover Beach Police Department

Child Safety Tips Around Vehicles

The following tips will help keep your children safe. Accidents can happen right in your own garage or driveway.

- Keep vehicles locked at all times -- even in the garage or driveway. Unlocked vehicles pose serious risks to children who are naturally curious, even if there are no keys in the ignition.
- Children should never be left alone in a vehicle.
- Never leave car keys within the reach of children.
- Teach children to never play in or around vehicles.
- Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle.
- Make sure all young passengers have left your car after it is parked.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles and trunks immediately.
- If a child is locked inside a vehicle, get them out as quickly as possible. If the child is hot or appears sick, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number immediately.
- **Stay alert.** Keep an eye out for unattended children in parking lots and other locations where vehicles are parked. If children are unattended and you fear the children are in imminent danger, or if the caregiver does not return within five minutes, call 9-1-1. Stay with the children until there is a safe environment.

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