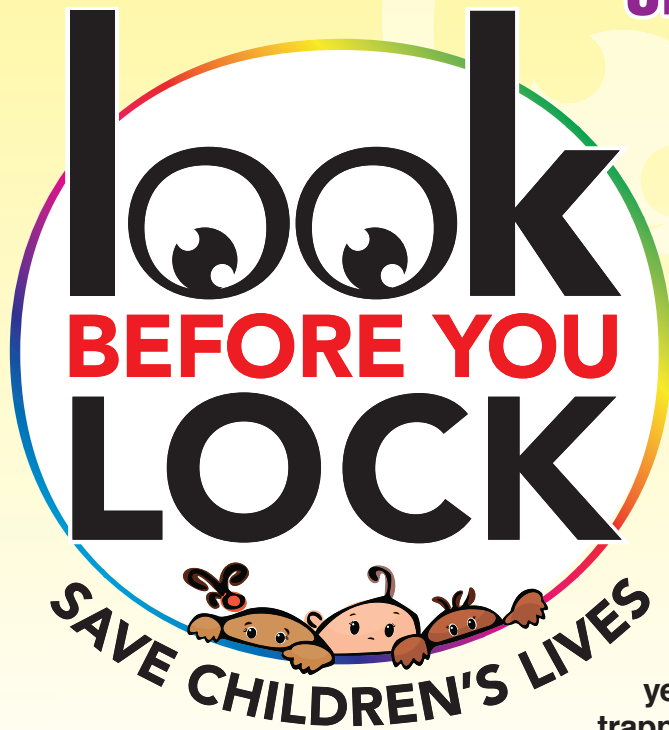


Heatstroke in vehicles is the leading cause of all non-crash-related fatalities involving children 14 and younger.



Florida ranks 4th in the U.S. in the number of hyperthermia deaths of children in vehicles. Not surprising: even with a window rolled down a few inches, if the outside temperature is in the low 80s, as is often the case in Florida, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in as little as 10 minutes! Young children under 4-years-old are particularly at risk because their bodies overheat more easily. Hyperthermia, or higher than normal body temperatures, can cause seizures, organ damage, brain damage, stroke or even death.

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 child care provider can overlook a sleeping child in a car, and the end result can be injury or even death.

These injuries or deaths are completely preventable. Everyone has a role to play in protecting our children, so **Look Before You Lock!**

Parents, childcare providers, and everyone who cares about the safety of children: we all have a role to play in keeping kids safe.

*For more information and resources on keeping children safe in cars, call **2-1-1** or visit www.cscbroward.org*

Effective July 1, 2013, County Ordinance requires all licensed/ registered childcare providers (facilities and homes) to have vehicle alarms installed in vehicles that transport 6 or more passengers.

