Playing in cars can be deadly. Each year hundreds of children are injured or even killed as a result of setting a vehicle into motion.

### Nontraffic Child Deaths in the U.S.

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  - Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
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Dangers OUTSIDE motor vehicles

Safety Tips

- Walk all the way around and look behind a vehicle prior to moving it.
- Know where your kids are before moving your vehicle. Make sure another adult is properly supervising children so they do not get into the path of a moving vehicle.
- To help the driver detect an object or person behind a vehicle, consider installing devices such as rear sensors, cameras, special mirrors or lenses. There are many options available. Check out www.KidsAndCars.org and click on the technology page for more information.
- Teach children that parked vehicles might move. Let them know that even though they can see the vehicle, the driver might not see them.
- Trim the landscaping around your driveway to ensure you can see children.
- Hold a child’s hand when leaving a vehicle.
- Teach your children to never play in, around or behind any vehicle.
- Set the emergency brake every time you park.

SUVs, minivans and trucks may have larger blind zones, making it difficult or impossible for the driver to see children behind or directly in front of a vehicle. Steep inclines can reduce visibility even more.

EVERY WEEK in the U.S., at least 50 children are backed over in driveways and parking lots. EVERY WEEK at least 2 of these children die. Children are also injured or killed because they cannot be seen in front of larger and taller vehicles. Little ones who dart outside to say goodbye often go unseen by a driver when the vehicle is set into motion.

Many times the driver of the vehicle is a parent, relative, or neighbor.

Check vehicles and car trunks right away if a child is missing.