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## Safety Tips Provided by Kids in Cars

**Children should never be left alone in a vehicle, not even to run a quick errand. Kids in Cars offers parents the following tips to help keep their children safe.**

- Plan ahead to use drive-through services where available such as pharmacies and banks. More and more services are adding drive-through convenience, including dry cleaners, restaurants (beyond fast food), libraries, grocery stores, and even dog grooming. A quick search on the Internet will help you find convenient drive-through services in your area.
- Call dry cleaners and other businesses to schedule pick-up and drop-off services at your vehicle. Most businesses will bring service curbside if you call ahead.
- Make advance arrangements for your child-care provider to meet you at your vehicle. Alternatively, plan extra time into your pick-up/drop-off routine to bring all children inside with you.
- Use your debit or credit card at the gas pump.
- Ask grocery store clerks to load your bags into your vehicle and return the grocery cart.
- If possible, leave your children with a responsible adult. Arrange a baby-sitting co-op with your neighbor to give you an hour to run errands.

**Accidents can happen right in your own garage or driveway. Kids in Cars offers parents the following tips to help prevent accidents in or around vehicles.**

- Keep vehicles locked at all times -- even in the garage or driveway.
- Never leave 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 they are hot or appear sick, call 911 or your local emergency number.

Kids in Cars is a Missouri-based, national, non-profit organization dedicated to preventing injuries and deaths that occur due to children being left unattended in or around motor vehicles. Kids in Cars has embarked on a mission to pursue preventative legislation in all 50 states to make sure that no child is ever, not even for a minute, left alone in or around a motor vehicle. For more information on Kids in Cars, to donate or volunteer please visit [www.kidsincars.org](http://www.kidsincars.org) or contact: Terrill Struttman, (636) 390-8268