



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Memorandum

Subject: Preventing Child Heatstroke in Cars

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To: Docket Number NHTSA-2019-0126

For the opening of the public docket folder for Preventing Child Heatstroke in Cars (NHTSA-2019-1026):

Over the past several years, the United States has seen significant increases in childhood injuries and fatalities arising from vehicle-related heatstroke. These injuries and fatalities are attributable to several different behavioral activities, primarily involving children being left in vehicles while parents run errands, and children climbing into unlocked vehicles.

To help address this trend, NHTSA has increased its efforts to remind the public not to leave children in vehicles unattended, and to lock vehicle doors to prevent children from playing inside vehicles. The agency also encourages automobile and child passenger seat manufacturers to innovate and develop technologies to prevent vehicle-related heatstroke injuries and fatalities. NHTSA is opening this docket and inviting interested parties to voluntarily provide information about their technological innovations and efforts to help prevent childhood injuries and fatalities arising from vehicle-related heatstroke.

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