Protect People with Special Needs from the Dangers of Being Left Unattended in a HOT Vehicle

- Justice Center Infographic -

Heatstroke can lead to severe injury or death. Children, elderly adults and people who are overweight or who have a chronic medical condition are at higher risk of becoming overheated.

In just 10 minutes, a vehicle can reach deadly temperatures on an 80 degree day.

When the temperature outside is in the 60’s, a vehicle’s temperature can climb to above 110 degrees. Heatstroke can occur if your body temperature rises to 104 degrees.

Cracking a window will not keep a vehicle cool.

TIPS (NHTSA - 2012)

• Never leave a person unattended in a vehicle.
• Always “look before you leave” to make sure no one has been left behind.
• Call 911 if you see a person alone in a vehicle.
• Contact the Justice Center at infoassistance@justicecenter.ny.gov if you have questions.

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