



# Driveway Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe around driveways.

Kids love cars, and when they see a parked car, they don't even think about getting hurt or seriously injured. That's why parents have to. Many preventable injuries and deaths occur in driveways or parking lots when drivers are unaware that children are near vehicles. Tragically, these drivers are often family members or friends of the injured child. But these injuries are easily prevented by following a few simple tips.

## Check Your Car and Driveway for Kids

- » We know you're often in a hurry, but before you get in the car, take a few seconds to walk all the way around your parked car to check for children.
- » When checking for kids around your vehicle, see if anything that could attract a child such as a pet, bike or toy, is under or behind your vehicle before getting in and starting the engine.
- » Ask an adult to supervise and find a safe spot for children to wait when nearby vehicles are about to move and make sure the drivers can see them.



## Lend a Hand to Younger Kids

Hold hands while walking near moving vehicles in driveways, in parking lots or on sidewalks.



## Limit Play in the Driveway

- » Be sure to pick up toys, bikes, chalk or anything else from the driveway so that these items don't entice kids to play.
- » Find and use safe play areas for children, away from parked or moving vehicles. Teach kids to play in safe areas instead of in, around or behind a car. Consider making your driveway a toy-free, kid-free zone.
- » Don't allow children to play unattended in parking lots or driveways when cars are present.

*Each year, more than 9,000 children are treated in emergency rooms for injuries that occurred while they were unattended in or around motor vehicles.*



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# Trunk Entrapment Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe from trunk entrapment.

Learn how to keep the car trunk off limits and teach children to be cautious in and around cars with some basic tips.

- » Make sure to lock your vehicle, including doors and trunk, when you're not using it. Keep keys and remote entry fobs out of children's sight and reach.
- » Teach kids that trunks are for transporting cargo and are not safe places to play.



- » Show older kids how to locate and use the glow-in-the-dark emergency trunk release found in cars made after Sept. 1, 2001. Very young children may not have the strength or ability to open the release bar.



- » Keep rear fold-down seats closed to help prevent kids from climbing into the trunk from inside your car.
- » If your child is missing, get help and check swimming pools, vehicles and trunks. If your child is locked in a car, get him or her out as quickly as possible and dial 911 immediately. Emergency personnel are trained to evaluate and check for signs of heatstroke.

*A combination of poor ventilation and high temperatures make trunk space a dangerous place for children. In one four-year span, trunk entrapment resulted in the death of 16 children in the United States.*

