



Hot Facts about Car Interior Heat

From the National Safe Kids Campaign, WASHINGTON, July 10, 1997:

- Exposure to hot weather could be potentially life-threatening to children. Summer heat can raise temperatures to deadly levels, especially inside of a car. As temperatures soar, parents and caregivers need to take extra precautions when traveling with children.
- Knowing how to prevent heat related injuries can save your child's life. The National SAFE KIDS Campaign offers parents and caregivers the following safety precautions to combat the summer heat:
- The color of your car's interior can make a difference. For instance, the following chart represents colors of car interiors. If the outside temperature is 79 degrees Fahrenheit, the inside car temperature can soar to extreme levels.

<u>Interior Color</u>	<u>Potential Temperatures</u>
WHITE	135 degrees Fahrenheit
RED	154 degrees Fahrenheit
BLUE/GREEN	165 degrees Fahrenheit
BLACK	192 degrees Fahrenheit

- Make sure to check the temperature of the car seat before buckling your children in the car. Skin that touches a car seat surface over 150 degrees Fahrenheit can be severely burned in 1 second.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Temperatures can reach 140 degrees Fahrenheit very quickly in a parked vehicle. In fact, the most dramatic rise in temperature is in the car being parked. On a 95 degree Fahrenheit day a car's interior can heat up to 181 degrees or more.

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