

# June 2011



## Upcoming Events:

### Dad & Me

**June 11th** at the Ridge Road Garden Center. Call 257-1092 to RSVP.

### Celebrating Families and All Who Nurture

**Children, June 18th**, Bret Harte High School. Call 754-6914 to register.

### ACAPC Meeting

**June 20, 2011**  
10:00 to 11:30am  
Health & Human Services, Room B

**Now Enrolling!** Amador State Preschools—Call 257-5338

**Happy Father's Day!**

Amador Child Abuse Prevention Council

(sponsored by the  
Amador Community Foundation)  
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## NEVER leave a child alone in a car...

## ...NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE!

In 2010, **49 children died** in the United States while alone in a vehicle.

It did not have to happen, and to make sure that it will not happen to you make sure to follow the tips below.

### Top Tips for Preventing Hyperthermia (Heat Stroke)

- Dial 911 immediately if you see a child left alone in a car.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows open.
- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or whatever is to be carried from the car, on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This triggers adults to see children when they open the rear door and reach for their belongings.
- Make a plan with your child care provider that if your child is late that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off young children at child care.
- Teach children not to play in any vehicle. Cars are not playgrounds or babysitters.
- Lock all vehicle doors and trunk after everyone has exited the vehicle – especially at home. Keep keys out of children's reach.

**Check vehicles, trunks, (and pools) FIRST if a child goes missing.**

### Take the Pledge

I pledge to:

- Never leave a child alone in the car, not even for a minute.
- To check the backseat of my car every time I exit the car (if I ever transport young children).
- To call 911 if I see children unattended in a car.

*Did you know that a child's body heats up 3 to 5 times faster than an adult's? It only takes a few short minutes for a child to become dangerously overheated.*

*In just 10 minutes a car's temperature can increase by 19 degrees – and it continues to rise.*

*For more information, please visit the Safe Kids USA website at [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org).*

**California law:** Children under age 7 are not be left alone in a motor vehicle. The child is not considered unattended if they are accompanied by someone age 12 or older.

**Penalty:** \$100 fine if the child is unharmed. If the child is harmed, the parent or guardian may face criminal charges.