

## DISTRACTION & PEDESTRIANS



During daylight hours, your car acts like a **greenhouse**—even on cloudy days.

**TRUE** or **FALSE**?



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You arrive at work on a pleasant 75-degree day. After parking and locking your car, you enter your workplace. Outdoors, how hot is the inside of your car after 20 minutes?

- a. 78 degrees
- b. 85 degrees
- c. 94 degrees

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Cracking car windows open on a warm day will keep the vehicle interior cooler.

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**Driver distraction can be deadly for children.** On average between 1998 and 2019, what percentage of child heatstroke deaths are due to caregivers unknowingly leaving a child in the car?

- ✓ More than 50%
- ✓ 35%
- ✓ 18%

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If you see a young child or baby unattended in a vehicle in your workplace parking lot, what is the **first thing** you should do?



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Since 1998, more than 800 children have died from vehicular heatstroke.

What percentage of these incidents occurred while a parent or caregiver was at places of work?



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Child heatstroke deaths in hot cars happen only to bad parents or careless caregivers.

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Why should you **always** lock your vehicle when parking at your workplace, in a public parking lot, or on your own driveway?



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**Answer: 94 degrees**

- ✓ Are you surprised?
- ✓ On average, the temperature inside a vehicle will rise 19 degrees in just 10 minutes!
- ✓ Even on mild or cloudy days, temperatures inside vehicles can reach life-threatening levels.

SOURCE: noheatstroke.org

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**Answer: TRUE**

Sunlight passes through the windows and heats up objects inside the vehicle, like the dashboard and seats. These in turn warm the air inside the car. The trapped air continues to warm to as much as 50 degrees higher than the outside air temperature.

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**Answer: More than 50%**

In one real life scenario, a woman received a call from work while driving her child to day care. The call was upsetting and she drove straight to work instead of dropping off her child at day care. This can happen to anyone. **Distraction while driving must be avoided!**

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**Answer: FALSE**

In a study of heat stress from enclosed vehicles, the data show that cracking the vehicle windows **did NOT reduce the rate of temperature rise** inside the vehicle.

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**Answer: 24%**

NSC advises parents and caregivers to **stick to a routine and avoid distractions** to reduce the risk of forgetting a child. Secure a purse, briefcase or even a left shoe in the back seat to force you to take one last look before walking away.

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**First: Call 9-1-1 immediately**

- ✓ Have someone else search for the driver or ask the facility to page them.
- ✓ Don't wait more than a few minutes for the driver to return.
- ✓ If the child is not responsive or is in danger of heatstroke, immediately take action to remove the child from the vehicle and stay with the child until help arrives.

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25% of child deaths in hot cars occur when **children enter unlocked vehicles**, often to play hide and seek, or from curiosity.

Keep car doors locked so children cannot gain access, and teach them that cars are not play areas.

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**Answer: FALSE**

Distraction can affect **anyone** such that they can forget a child is in the car. Among those who've lost children to hot car deaths are a dentist, a postal clerk, a social worker, a police officer, an accountant, a soldier, a paralegal, a preacher, an electrician, a Protestant clergyman, a rabbinical student, a mechanic, a stay-at-home mother, a teacher, a nurse, a construction worker, and an assistant principal.

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You drive slower in a parking lot, so the risk is lower.

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Looking into vehicles while walking through a parking lot is nosy. It's none of my business.

**TRUE** or **FALSE**?

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Multitasking is not possible. In fact, multitasking is a myth!

**TRUE** or **FALSE**?

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It's a driver's responsibility to avoid pedestrians who may be walking distractedly or checking their devices while they walk.

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Distraction can happen to anyone, and can cause a driver to go into "auto-pilot" mode.

**What can caregivers do to prevent distraction when a child is in their vehicle?**



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**The most dangerous time to be a pedestrian is:**

- From 6 to 8 a.m., when everyone's groggy and still waking up
- Noon to 2 p.m., the busy lunch hours
- 6 p.m. to midnight

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Most pedestrian fatalities occur at intersections.

**TRUE** or **FALSE**?



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Drivers of hybrid vehicles need to be especially careful in areas with lots of pedestrians.

**TRUE** or **FALSE**?



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**Answer: FALSE**

It may seem like you are snooping, but **look, look, and look** as you walk. Pay attention to help ensure that unattended children are not left in a vehicle.

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**Answer: FALSE**

**Parking lots are riskier than you may think.**

The National Safety Council found that, on average, at least 60,000 are injured and 500 or more die in the **50,000 plus crashes in parking lots and garages** every year.

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**Answer: FALSE**

Walking while distracted is a growing cause of pedestrian fatalities. **It's up to pedestrians and drivers both** to be watchful and alert in parking lots, at intersections, and on roadways.

**Do not be a distracted walker OR a distracted driver.**

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**Answer: TRUE**

Multiple scientific studies prove that your brain **cannot** perform two mentally demanding tasks *at the same time*. Rather, your brain does what's called "**switch-tasking**"—which can cause distraction. Distraction can be deadly in a parking lot with pedestrians walking around.

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**Answer: c**

The hours of 6 p.m. to midnight were the most dangerous times for pedestrians, and this has gotten steadily worse in recent years. (NHTSA FARS data)

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- ✓ Place an item you will need at your destination in the back seat. This will reinforce your need to look in the back seat.
- ✓ Make sure the item you've placed in the back seat is **secure** so that it will **not** become a dangerous projectile in the event of a crash!

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**Answer: TRUE**

Researchers found that hybrid vehicles are **20% more likely to hit pedestrians.**

There is a very simple explanation for this: A pedestrian can't hear a hybrid car coming—they are very quiet-running vehicles.

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**Answer: FALSE**

Only 26% of pedestrian fatalities occurred at intersections. Most pedestrian deaths occur in urban areas, at non-intersection locations.

**On average, more than 50,000 crashes occur in parking lots and parking garages annually**, resulting in 500 or more deaths and more than 60,000 injuries.

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