

Keeping Kids Safe in Hot Cars



It's summer and we all know how hot it can get in Roseville. On a typical sunny day, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach a potentially deadly level within minutes. Never leave a child alone in a vehicle, not even for a minute.

Babies and young children can sometimes sleep so peacefully that we forget they are even there. It can be tempting to leave a child in a car while

you quickly run into the store. However, this is a dangerous idea. Young children are particularly at risk as their bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's. Leaving a child alone in a car can lead to serious injury or death from heatstroke.

California law prohibits anyone from leaving a child six years of age or younger unattended in a motor vehicle without the supervision of someone who is at least 12 years old and under either of the following circumstances:

- Where there are conditions that present a significant risk to the child's health or safety.
- When the vehicle's engine is running or the vehicle's keys are in the ignition, or both.

While the law prohibits it, even the best parents or caregivers can overlook a sleeping baby in a vehicle. Parents and

caregivers are encouraged to develop a plan, which serves as a reminder of where a child is at all times.

What can parents do?

- Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to your child such as a briefcase, purse, cell-phone, or your left shoe.
- Develop a plan with your daycare so that if your child is late, you'll be called within a few minutes. Be especially careful if you change your routine for dropping off children at daycare.

If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

Leaving an Animal in an Unattended Vehicle

Today many people take their beloved pets wherever they go. I'm sure you've seen dogs at the mall, at the grocery store, or even at the doctor's office. Often times people, without giving it a second thought, leave their animal in an unattended vehicle. So, what is the law when leaving your pet in the car while you stop and run an errand?

Penal Code 597.7PC—Leaving a Pet in an Unattended Car

This California statute provides that no person shall leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.

A first conviction for violation of this section is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 per animal. If the animal suffers great bodily injury, a violation of this section is punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500, imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or by both a fine and imprisonment. Penalty enhancements are provided for subsequent convictions.

There is also a bill (AB 797) being debated in Sacramento to address the subject of what a person can do if they see a pet trapped in a car. This bill is currently in the state Senate's Judiciary Committee, where it will be discussed June 14.

What you can do if you see a pet locked in a car on a warm day?

- Write down the car's make, model and license plate number.

- If there are businesses nearby, ask if they can make an announcement to find the car's owner.
- Call the non-emergency phone number 774-5000 (option #1).

Be kind and leave you pet home when running errands.



Fourth of July Safety



The City of Roseville will enforce a "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding illegal fireworks. Any firework which is not California State Fire Marshal approved is illegal. To report anyone selling or using illegal fireworks call 774-5000 (option 1).

Legal fireworks can be discharged from 12 pm on 6/28 to 11:59 pm on 7/4.

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Political Donation Scam



The 2016 presidential campaign is well underway and scammers are taking advantage of the high interest in this year's election. Scammers are busy trying to find ways to trick consumers out of their money. Criminals posing as campaign workers are making telephone calls seeking donations for a candidate. This particular scam can easily be seen as legitimate. Caller ID can be tricked through a technique called "spoofing" to make it appear that the phone call is coming from a candidate's campaign office. In addition, calls from political candidates are exempt from the federal "Do Not

Call" registry. Which means it is legal for someone to get a call from a political campaign seeking donations.

Tips:

Whenever you receive a phone call, you can never be sure who is really on the other end. Follow these tips to keep you and your money safe from scammers.

- Never give personal or financial information to anyone over the phone who you have not called.
- If you wish to make a donation to a political campaign, go directly to the candidate's official website and make your contribution.
- Make sure when you are giving your donation online that the website address begins with "https" instead of "http." The "s" indicates that your communication is being encrypted for better security.

- Verify the contact information. Any political organization should have complete contact information including phone number and U.S. address.
- Donation should be paid with credit cards. A debit card gives direct access to your checking account and limited liability protections.

Keep your money and identity safe this election season and always be on the lookout for potential fraud.



New FTC Resources Warn Consumers About Imposter Scams



If you have a computer or a phone, you've probably been targeted by a scammer pretending to be someone they're not: maybe the IRS, another government official, a family member or friend, or a tech company. These imposters come in many varieties, but work the same way: the person pretending to be someone you trust tries to convince you to send money. The FTC received 353,770 imposter-related complaints last year.

The Federal Trade Commission released new resources at ftc.gov/imposters to help you spot and avoid four common kinds of imposter scams: Family Emergency

Imposter Scams, Tech Support Imposter Scams, Online Romance Imposter Scams, and IRS Imposter Scams.

The one-minute videos show how people are targeted, how to spot the scam, and where to report it. The articles are part of the agency's ongoing Pass It On campaign, which encourages older adults to help raise awareness about fraud by talking to family, friends, and neighbors about avoiding common scams. Please share or use the videos and articles to pass on how to spot and avoid imposters.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition, and protect and educate consumers. You can learn more about consumer topics and file a consumer complaint online or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357).

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Sources: Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Reports, California DMV, Safe Kids Worldwide

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EMERGENCY
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(916) 746-1022

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Animal Control

(916) 774-5090

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(916) 774-5050

PDCommunityServices@roseville.ca.us

Graffiti Abatement

(916) 746-1021

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