

PREVENTING BACKOVER AND FRONTOVER TRAGEDIES

TAKING A FIVE-SECOND WALK AROUND THE CAR BEFORE YOU GET IN COULD SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

Danger can come from any direction and parents must be aware of the risk of "backover" or "frontover" incidents. Many of these preventable injuries and deaths occur in driveways or parking lots when drivers are unaware children are near vehicles. Tragically, these drivers are often family members or friends of the injured child.

SAFETY TIPS

Walk all the way around your parked vehicle to check for children – or anything that can attract a child, like pets or toys. Look under and behind your vehicle before getting in and starting the engine.

Children should be taught not to play in, under or around vehicles.

Accompany young children when they get in and out of a vehicle.

Identify and use safe play areas for children that are away from parked or moving vehicles.

Designate a safe spot within a driver's sight for children to wait when nearby vehicles are about to move.

Firmly hold the hand of each child when walking near moving vehicles and when in driveways, in parking lots or on sidewalks.

Supervise children when a driver is leaving the home.

For more information, contact Ministry Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Coordinator at **715.387.9600**.



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