

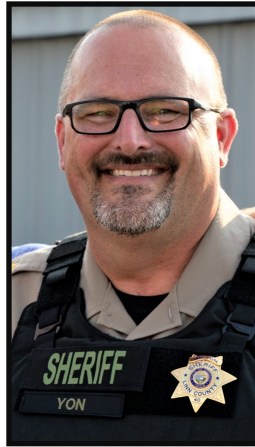
# Sheriff Yon offers tips to avoid leaving kids in hot cars

ALBANY — With summer approaching and along with it hot weather, Linn County Sheriff Jim Yon would like to share some important reminders to help you avoid accidentally leaving a child in a hot car.

Always check the back seat and make sure all children are out of the car before locking it and walking away.

Avoid distractions while driving, especially cell phone use.

Be extra alert when there is a change in your routine, like when someone else is driving your child somewhere, or you take a different route to work or childcare.



Sheriff Jim Yon

Have your childcare provider call if your child is more than 10 minutes late.

Put your cell phone, bag, or purse in the back seat, so you check the back seat when you arrive at your destination.

If someone else is driving your child somewhere, always check to make sure they arrived safely.

Keep your car locked when it is parked to prevent a curious child from entering when no one is around. Many hot car deaths have occurred when a child mistakenly locks himself inside.

Stay safe everyone.

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