

New awareness program

**LOOK
BEFORE YOU
LOCK**



The NSW Department of Education is the Regulatory Authority for early childhood education and care. The department's 'Look Before You Lock' safety awareness program reminds us that we should never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even for a moment.

When transporting children, looking before you lock your vehicle can be a life-saving routine.

Ask your service



Speak with your child's early childhood education and care service to find out how they're keeping your child safe during transportation.

Some questions you can ask include:

- What processes are in place to ensure the safe arrival of children?
- What is the educator-to-child ratio during transit?
- How do educators ensure children remain safe and secure during the journey?
- How are parents informed when their child arrives safely at the ECEC service and when they depart?
- Are there regular reviews of transport safety practices to ensure continuous improvement?
- What are some ways for families to improve their transport practices at home to ensure children's safety?
- Where can I find the service's policies and procedures on transportation, safe arrival of children and excursions?

If you have any questions about the 'Look Before You Lock' safety awareness program, please contact the NSW ECEC Regulatory Authority's Information and Enquiries line at 1800 619 113 or email ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.