Avoiding dangerous summer stroller mistakes

By RACHEL SIMPSON

We all know that leaving children in hot cars, even for a minute, is a huge no-no, but did you know that many parents make dangerous summer stroller mistakes?

As temperatures begin to soar, parents want to shield their babies from the heat and other nongenital effects from the sun, including sunburns, when they cover their children with a lightweight blanket over a stroller. But a lightweight stroller slip-up could actually be putting your child at risk. While our kids are too big for blankets now, I admit covering the stroller from the hood down with a lightweight blanket to protect their little arms and legs from the sun on our walks. I always left a peephole on the side for air, but never realized I was actually trapping them in danger of overheating.

According to research, covering the stroller with a blanket—even if it’s a thin/thin cloth—can keep the temperature inside dangerously high. Researchers conducted an experiment to see what would happen and found that without a cover, the temperature inside a stroller fell in the heat was 76.6 degrees. After covering it with a thin cover for only 90 minutes, the temperature inside rose to 92.6 degrees—a difference of 26.6 degrees.

Who would have thought something as innocent as covering your child’s stroller from the heat could do such damage? For young children, it’s a reminder that yes, it does get hot, but some of these youngsters don’t know anyone in their immediate world who is going through the same struggle. This weekend at camp is a reminder that you, if you do happens to other kids,” Vasko said. “Referrals to Camp Firefly come from school teachers and school counselors. Vasko also said counselors who deal with these young have also been trained, and that professional help and support can attend the needs of these children. At the MVNA offices on Harper Drive. Across like art therapy, memorial events and pre-camp activities, which are folded to the youngsters is that grief, painful as it is, can make you stronger, and that if you can get through this, you can get through anything.”

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