

ILLINOIS LAW- Sec. 12-21.6. Endangering the life or health of a child.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to willfully cause or permit the life or health of a child under the age of 18 to be endangered or to willfully cause or permit a child to be placed in circumstances that endanger the child's life or health.

(a-5) A person commits the offense of endangering the life or health of a child if he or she leaves a child unattended in a motor vehicle. For purposes of this subsection:

(1) There is a rebuttable presumption that a person committed the offense if he or she left a child unattended in a motor vehicle for more than 10 minutes.

(2) "Unattended" means either: (i) not accompanied by a person 14 years of age or older; or (ii) if accompanied by a person 14 years of age or older, out of sight of that person.

(b) A violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of this Section is a Class 3 felony. A violation of this Section that is a proximate cause of the death of the child is a Class 3 felony for which a person, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be sentenced to a term of not less than 2 years and not more than 10 years.