

**RCW 46.61.685 Leaving children unattended in standing vehicle with motor running—Penalty.** (1) It is unlawful for any person, while operating or in charge of a vehicle, to park or willfully allow such vehicle to stand upon a public highway or in a public place with its motor running, leaving a minor child or children under the age of sixteen years unattended in the vehicle.

(2) Any person violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon a second or subsequent conviction for a violation of this section, the department shall revoke the operator's license of such person. [2003 c 53 § 246; 1990 c 250 § 57; 1961 c 151 § 2. Formerly RCW 46.56.230.]

**Rules of court:** *Bail in criminal traffic offense cases—Mandatory appearance—CrRLJ 3.2.*

**Intent—Effective date—2003 c 53:** See notes following RCW 2.48.180.

*Leaving children unattended in parked automobile while entering tavern, etc.: RCW 9.91.060.*