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One time I very carefully strapped my baby son into his new baby seat – and forgot to strap the baby seat to the seat of the car! It was just sitting there! One good hit of the brakes and he would've gone flying, seat and all. Somebody was definitely looking out for him.

I also always had the bad habit of locking my keys in the car. For many years, I kept a coat hanger under the hood of my car – it was my "emergency key" and I became very adept at using it to open the door. Then one day I not only locked the keys in, I locked my son in his car seat in there! He kept looking at me & reaching for me, he couldn't figure out why I wouldn't open the door and take him out. Luckily a nice lady in the parking lot offered to go and call the police for help, so I could stay next to the car talking to my son through the window. I don't believe I've ever locked my keys in the car since (knock on wood, of course).

My son is almost 20 now, but some things you NEVER forget.

"FarAwayDeb"

Now there's a story I can relate to. I locked my son in the car, too, and had to stand there watching him scream until the local police came and got the door open. Fortunately it was cold instead of hot outside that day.

However, unlike you, I've locked my keys in my car once or twice since then, always in the most inconvenient of circumstances! The last time I recall was when I was in my first year of law school and there was one class all semester that we had to be present for, mandatory, no excuses, and we had to have a certain paper in by the end of the class. I pulled into the parking lot, got out, slammed the door, went around to the back to get out my backpack and – yep, keys were locked in. The police came and unlocked it that day, too, in the pouring rain and with about 2 minutes to spare turning my must-have paper in.

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I still resent some of the professors at that school for their unrealistic expectations. They would tell students that no matter what, no judge anywhere and no court clerk is going to cut you a break, ever, and so they were not going to cut anyone a break, either. One class had the whole semester grade based on a single brief that we wrote. A woman who drove over an hour to school every day left a full hour early on the day the brief was due, so that she could be absolutely certain to be there in time to turn the paper in by 10:00 or whatever time it was. As she was traveling, there was a rockslide on the mountain that she had to travel to get to the school, and because the school was in BFE and had one road in and one road out, she had no other way to get there. She called on her cell phone almost an hour before the paper was due to let them know what was going on, showed up about 3 minutes after the due time, and lost about 30% of her grade. Even the most unreasonable of judges wouldn't penalize an attorney for not being able to make her car fly up and over a rockslide!

Sandi