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“Distracted” by the slot machines, father leaves two-year-old in a car

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A two-year-old boy was left in a car for an hour, while his father was playing on the slot machines; fortunately, it was not a hot day. The episode happened in Gallarate, and demonstrates, once again, **that some compulsive gamblers have become so addicted** that they even put their children at risk.

The alarm was given on Monday afternoon, near the amusement arcade in Via Foscolo; the boy's crying attracted the attention of passers-by; as his parents were untraceable, after a few minutes, **the crowd that had gathered around the car decided to call the police.** The policemen from the local police station, run by Deputy Police Superintendent Gianluca Dalfino, arrived immediately, and were about to break a window to free the boy, when his father suddenly arrived.

“I didn't realise so much time had passed,” the man, aged 35, said. The boy, aged two and a half, had remained locked in the car for about an hour, but he was well. **On the other hand, his father was charged with abandonment of a minor and released on bail.**

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