

ON-INSTALLATION YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

The ages specified below are based on the child/youth's ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children/youth who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. In all instances below where a "yes" is annotated, the parent is still responsible for exercising their own judgment as to whether their child/youth is mature enough to handle any of the indicated circumstances. Ultimately, the responsibility for the safety, care, well-being and behavior of children/youth remains with the parents whether or not they are present to supervise.

Age of Child	Left Without Sitter In Quarters for 2 Hours or Less	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for more Than 2 Hours	Left Alone Overnight	Walk to School Unattended	Outside Unattended (To include Playing)	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sits Siblings	Child Sits Others
Newborn Through Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age 5 Through 6	No	No	No	No; however, children 6 years old AND in 1st grade or above may walk to and from school w/out adult supervision**	Yes; playground or yard with immediate access (in visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision**	No	No	No
Age 7 Through Age 9	No	No	No	Yes	Yes; in neighborhood or at neighborhood playground; adult supervision** must know where the child is at all times and make frequent checks to insure the child's safety.	No	No	No
Age 10 Through Age 11	Yes*, with ready access to an adult*/**	No for 10 yr olds; 11 yr old for no more than 2 hour and only with ready access to adult**assistance (within 5 minutes of child).	No	Yes	Yes	Yes; keys must be removed and handbrake applied, and only in appropriate weather	No	No
Age 12 Through Age 14	Yes	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, keys removed and handbrake applied, and only in appropriate weather	Yes	Yes with restrictions ***
Age 15 Through High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes; 15 yr olds for 1 night only; 16 yr olds and older may be left alone for short TDYs or leaves, not to exceed 5 consecutive days ****	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Home-Along training by Youth Programs, Family Advocacy, or other installation approved source is strongly suggested.

** Adult (18 yrs or older) on this table is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g., parents, guardians, care provider, friend of parents.

*** Has successfully completed Red Cross Babysitting Course, is CPR and First Aid Certified. Youth 12 years of age may not sit for child under the age of 3 years who is not a family member.

**** If a child is to be left home alone over night (15 yrs and older) a medical power of attorney must be obtained and in the hands of a responsible adult (18 yrs or older) to obtain medical care if needed. Youth must have ready access to a responsible adult who is able to respond within 5 minutes of call received by the youth. No visitors allowed in the home w/o approval designated by parent.

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Curfew hours are Sun-Thurs 2200-0600 when a school day follows and 2400-0600 for other days for children/youth under 18 years of age