SJAFB ON-INSTALLATION BASE YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

The ages specified are based on the child's ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. The Air Force has found the attached guidance to be proven and is highly recommended for safety. In all instances below where a "yes" is indicated, the parent is still responsible for exercising their own judgment as to whether their child is mature enough to handle any of the below circumstances. Ultimately, the responsibility for the safety, care, well-being and behavior of children remains with the parents whether or not they are present to supervise. North Carolina state law, GS 14-318, states that no child under age 8 should be left in a dwelling without a person of the age of discretion there with them, because of the danger of fire.

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 7	No	No	No	No; however, children 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 8 Through Age 9	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Age 10 Through Age 12	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Age 13 Through High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes; 13 yr olds for 2 nights only; 14 yr olds and older may be left alone for short TDYs or leaves, not to exceed 5 consecutive days ***	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes**

* 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 1st Aid Certified.
*** If a child is to be left home alone over night (13 yrs and older) a medical power of attorney should 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.

Curfew hours are 2400-0600 for Juveniles under 18 years of age.