

# YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES



Note: The ages specified are the minimum ages and 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. In all instances below where a "yes" is indicated, the parent/guardian is responsible for using reasonable judgement, and for any incident or mishap (considered preventable), which occurs.

AGE OF CHILD	LEFT WITHOUT SITTER IN QUARTERS FOR TWO HOURS OR LESS	LEFT WITHOUT SITTER IN QUARTERS FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS	LEFT ALONE OVERNIGHT	OUTSIDE UNATTENDED (TO INCLUDE PLAYING)	LEFT IN CAR UNATTENDED	CHILD SITTING SIBLINGS	CHILD SITTING OTHERS
NEWBORN Age 4	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Age 5 -Age 6	NO	NO Except 6-year-old may walk to and from school	NO	YES Playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance to adult supervision**	NO	NO	NO
Age 7 -Age 9	NO	NO Except may walk to and from school	NO	YES With access to adult assistance***	YES Yes; except in hot weather; keys removed and handbrake applied 15 minutes max and adult in sight	NO	NO
Age 10 -Age 11	YES With ready access to an adult supervisor*/***	NO	NO	YES	YES Keys removed and handbrake applied	YES 11 year old or 6th grade; minimum, 2 hours maximum*/***	NO
Age 12 -Age 14	YES	YES During daytime hours, before curfew  NO After curfew	NO	YES	YES	YES*	YES** 12 years old or 7th grade minimum***
15+ THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION	YES	YES	YES*** Minors age 16 years and older may be left alone for short TDY's or leaves, not to exceed 5 consecutive days. These minors must have some adult supervision available for periodic checks***	YES	YES	YES**	YES**



\* Home-alone Training by Youth Center or other source is required

\*\* Red Cross Babysitting Training or equivalent required

\*\*\* Adult Supervision is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, care provider, sponsor, etc.