

Whenever any child is unsupervised/unattended the following should apply...

The following represent minimally acceptable standards for the supervision of children. These guidelines have been developed by social work professionals in collaboration with the community.

Youth must

- be comfortable being alone
- have a safety plan worked out with the parent/caretaker
- know what to do in case of an emergency
- know the guidelines for acceptable behavior
- know emergency telephone numbers



Child Supervision Guidelines...

7 YEARS AND YOUNGER

Should not be left alone for any period of time. This includes leaving children unattended in cars, backyards and playgrounds. The determining consideration would be the dangers in the environment and the ability of the caretaker to intervene.



8 to 10 YEARS OLD

Should not be left alone for more than 1 ½ hours and only during daylight and evening hours.

11 to 12 YEARS OLD

May be left alone for up to 3 hours but not late or in circumstances requiring inappropriate responsibility.



13 to 15 YEARS OLD

May be left unsupervised, but not overnight.

16 to 17 YEARS OLD

May be left unsupervised for up to two consecutive overnight periods.

