

DYESS AFB Youth Supervision Guidance

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	Outside Unattended (to include playing)	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sits Sibling	Child Sits Others
Newborn - Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age 5 – Age 6	No	No	No	Yes; playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision. *** At age 6, children may walk to and from school.	No	No	No
Age 7 – Age 8	No	No	No	Yes; with access to adult supervision*** Except children may walk to and from school.	No	No	No
Age 9 – Age 11	Yes; with ready access (phone number to an adult supervisor). */***	No	No	Yes	Yes; except in hot weather; keys removed and handbrake applied.	No	No
Age 12 – Age 14	Yes*	Yes; until midnight with ready access (phone number to an adult supervisor).*/***	No	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes**
Age 15 – High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes; minors age 15 may be left alone when parent is in local area (on duty, on base, working off base in local area) with ready access to adult supervision; phone number to parent or adult supervisor.	Yes	Yes-	Yes**	Yes**
Age 18	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<p>Note: The ages specified are the <u>minimum</u> ages and are based on the child's level of maturity and ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same level of responsibilities as children who do. In all instances above where a "yes" is indicated, the parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment. Additional consideration should be given for children who have special needs (physical, emotional or educational). The parent still retains responsibility for any preventable incident or mishap.</p> <p>*Home-alone training by youth center source or source required / **Red Cross baby-sitting training or equivalent is required</p> <p>***Adult supervision: defined as someone, age 18 or older, who has, or assumes, responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, care provider or friend.</p>							