

CHILD & YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES--Peterson AFB CO

The ages specified are the maximum 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. Parents are also responsible for considering any physical or mental limitations a child may have when considering how much supervision is necessary. In all instances below where a "yes" is indicated, the parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment and for any incident or mishap (not 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	Youth Sitting for Siblings	Youth Sits for Others
Newborn to Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age 5 to 6	No	No; At age 6, child may walk to and from school unattended.	No	Yes; Playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision***	No	No	No
Age 7 to 9	No	No; Except for walking to and from school.	No	Yes; Access to adult assistance required.	Yes; With the following stipulations: -5 mins max in hot weather -15 mins max at other times -Keys removed -Handbrake applied -Adult should be in sight	No	No
Age 10 to 11	Yes; With ready access to adult via telephone (phone number to an adult supervisor)*/***	No; For 10 yr olds Yes; For 11 yr olds with access to adult assistance***	No	Yes	Yes; With the following stipulations: -Keys removed -Handbrake applied	Yes; Youth must be 11 yrs old or 6 th grader for a maximum of 2 hours with access to adult assistance */***	No
Age 12 to 14	Yes	Yes; Only during daytime hours before curfew	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes**
Age 15	Yes	Yes; Only during daytime hours before curfew	Yes; Youth age 15 or freshmen in high school with access to adult supervision and sponsor in local area ***	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes**
Age 16 to High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes; May not exceed 5 consecutive days. Some type of adult supervision is available to make periodic checks. ***	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes**

* Home-Along training offered by the Child Development Center or other source is required.

** Red Cross babysitting training or equivalent is required.

*** Adult supervision is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g. parent, guardian, care provider, friend.