

## Child Supervision Guidelines, Grand Forks AFB, 1 January 2012

Base guidelines have been developed to assist parents in making appropriate decisions when leaving children unsupervised. The ultimate responsibility for the safety, care, well being and behavior of dependent children remains with the parent or caregiver, whether they are present to personally supervise them or not. In all instances below where "YES" is indicated, the parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment and for any incident or mishap considered preventable which could occur. The age of the child is not the only factor that should be considered when children are left alone. Other factors include, but are not limited to, the maturity of the child, physical surroundings, emotional health factors, and the child's physical or cognitive limitations. Also, caution should be taken in leaving 15-17 year olds alone overnight.

Age of Child	Left Alone for Two Hours or Less	Left Alone for More Than Two Hours	Left Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended	Left In Car Unattended for limited time	Child Provides Care For Other Children
<b>Newborn Through Age 4</b>	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO (Parents may weigh option of leaving child restrained in car with emergency brake applied for SHORT (less than 5 min) stops to shopette, etc., during inclement weather)	NO
<b>Age 5 Through Age 6</b>	NO	NO	NO	YES, playground or yard with immediate access and within hearing or sight of care provider.	YES, for no more than 5 minutes, must be in view of caregiver and in a restraint; keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO
<b>Age 7 Through Age 8</b>	NO	NO	NO	YES, with access to supervision	YES, for no more than 5 minutes, keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO
<b>Age 9</b>	YES, during daytime hours and with ready access (phone number) to an adult supervisor	YES during hours before curfew and w/ ready access (phone # )to an adult supervisor	NO	YES, for 2 hours or less during hours before curfew	YES, keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO
<b>Age 10 Through Age 11</b>	YES, with ready access (phone number) to an adult supervisor.	YES, during hours before curfew (phone # to responsible adult)	NO	YES	YES, keys removed and emergency brake applied	NO, unless Red Cross Child Care Certified (11 year olds only)
<b>Age 12 Through Age 14</b>	YES	YES during hours before curfew	NO	YES	YES	YES (Child Care classes recommended)
<b>Age 15 Through High School Graduation</b>	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

Curfew hours are from 2200-0600 Sun-Thur & 2400-0600 Fri-Sat. Dependents, 17 or younger, will not be outside of their quarters during curfew unless: 1) They are accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years or older. 2) They are participating in an approved, on-base sponsored event or are babysitting. In such cases parents or guardians may contact SFS at 7-5351 when dependents are returning home. 3) They enter the main gate after curfew hours and proceed to their quarters using the most direct route available.