

YOUTH SUPERVISION POLICY

NOTE: 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 must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision required.

Ages of Child	Left Without Sitter in Quarter for Two (2) Hours or Less	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for More Than Two (2) Hours	Walk to and from School	Left Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended (to Include Playing)	Left in Car Unattended	Child Baby-sit Siblings	Child Baby-sit Others	Curfew Hours Sunday through Saturday
Newborn Through Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	N/A
Age 5 through Age 6	No	No	No, except when there is a crossing guard at major intersections	No	Yes; playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight of hearing distance to adult supervision)**	No	No	No	N/A
Age 7 through Age 9	No	No	Yes	No	Yes; with access to adult assistance	Yes, if vehicle is not running and keys are removed; 5 minutes max in hot weather, and 15 minutes max in other weather	No	No	2200-0530
Age 10 Through Age 11	Yes, with ready access (phone number) to an adult supervisor**	No for 10 yr olds; 11 yr olds only with access to adult supervision**	Yes	No	Yes	Yes, if vehicle is not running and keys are removed;	Yes, 11 year old or 6 th grade minimum to 2 hours maximum*	No	2200-0530
Age 12 through Age 15	Yes	Yes	Yes	No; except children age 15 or freshman in high school, may be left alone overnight with access to adult supervision; sponsor must be in the local area	Yes	Yes, if vehicle is not running and keys are removed	Yes*	Yes*, 12 yr olds or 7 th grade minimum	2200-0530
Age 16 Through High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes; minors 16 and older may be left alone for short TDYs or leaves, not to exceed 5 consecutive days. These minors must have some type of adult supervision available to make periodic checks	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes*	2300-0530 exceptions may be made for chaperoned events or for work-related reasons

* For Spokane-area babysitting classes contact: <http://www.ymcaspokane.org/programs/teens/safe-sitter>, (509) 777-YMCA or <https://coureregistration.inhs.org/Home/Course/906> (Inland Northwest Health Service) (509) 242-4264.

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

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