



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS, 10TH AIR BASE WING  
USAF ACADEMY COLORADO**

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL USAFA PERSONNEL

FROM: 10 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: Youth Supervision Guidelines for United States Air Force Academy

1. Ensuring the safety of our children is a primary concern of everyone at USAFA. Accordingly, we follow Department of Defense Instruction (DoDII) 6060.02, dated 5 Aug 2014, which states that all military installations under the authority of DoD Components will establish guidance addressing the ages and circumstances under which a child can be left at home alone without adult supervision, also known as a "home alone policy" or "self-care policy".
2. Any person responsible for children (either on the installation or participating in any activity while on the installation) will comply with the attached guidelines established by the Family Advocacy Program, Security Forces, and the Child and Youth Services Flight.
3. The attached matrix provides responsible individuals insight and guidance on the proper ages for various activities and meets the DoDII 6060.02 intent. Compliance with these guidelines is mandatory and will provide maximum safety for the children and youth on USAFA.
4. For questions, please contact Family Advocacy at 333-5270 or Child and Youth Services Flight Chief, Jessica Parks at 333-7781.

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Attachment:  
Youth Supervision Guidelines

## YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES FOR USAFA

These guidelines are mandated by USAFA IAW 10 ABW/CC policy memorandum, dated 2 Nov 2023; therefore, parents are expected to fully comply. **Note:** The ages specified on these guidelines 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.

Age of Child	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for LESS than Two Hours	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for MORE than Two Hours	Left Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended (To Include Playing)	Left in Car Unattended	Babysit/Childsit Siblings	Babysit/Childsit Others
Newborn to Age of 4	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Age 5 - 6	NO	NO – Children may walk to/from school at the age of 6	NO	YES – playground or yard w/immediate access to adult supervision (must be in visual sight or hearing distance)**	NO	NO	NO
Age 7 - 9	NO	NO – Children may walk to/from school	NO	YES – with access to adult supervision **	YES – Keys must be removed from vehicle and handbrake must be applied. 5 min max. in hot weather, 15 min in other weather. Adult must be sight.	NO	NO
Age 10 - 11	YES – with ready access phone number to a parent and trusted adult */**	NO - for 10 year olds YES – for 11 year olds for no more than 2 hours (must have access to an adult)	NO	YES	YES - Keys must be removed from vehicle and handbrake must be applied.	YES – 11 year old or 6 <sup>th</sup> grade minimum for no more than 2 hours with proper certification */**	NO
Age 12 - 14	YES	YES – during daytime hours before curfew; but not after curfew***	NO – Children 15 or in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade may be left alone overnight with access to adult supervision. Sponsor <b>must</b> be in the local area**	YES	YES	YES **	YES – must be 12 years old or in 7 <sup>th</sup> grade, must have proper certification */**
Age 15 – High School Graduation	YES	YES	YES – Minors age 16+ may be left alone overnight, not to exceed 5 consecutive days. Adult supervision must be available to make periodic checks **				

\* Red Cross Baby Sitting Course or equivalent required

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

\*\*\* Curfew – Minors under the age of 17 cannot be in public without an adult after 11pm on school nights and after 12am on weekends.