



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

12 January 2022

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 prime concern of everyone at USAFA. Accordingly, we will follow Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6060.02, dated 5 August 2014, which states all military installations under the authority of DoD components will establish guidance that addresses 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. In an effort to educate all individuals responsible for children either on the installation or participating in any activity while on the installation, any person responsible for children 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 gives responsible individuals insight and guidance on the proper ages for various activities and meets the DoDI 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 the Family Advocacy office at 333-5270 or Child and Youth Services at 333-4169/6779.

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Attachment:
Youth Supervision Guideline

YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES FOR USAFA

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. These guidelines are mandated by USAFA IAW 10 ABW/CC policy memorandum, dated 12 January 2022; therefore, parents are expected to fully comply.

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	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Newborn Through Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age 5 Through Age 6	No	No; except at age 6 may walk to and from school	No	Yes; playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision**	No	No	No
Age 7 Through Age 9	No	No; except may walk to and from school	No	Yes; with access to adult assistance**	Yes; except in hot weather; keys removed and handbrake applied; 5 minutes maximum in hot weather, 15 in other weather, adult within sight	No	No
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 assistance for no more than 2 hours	No	Yes	Yes; keys removed and handbrake applied	Yes; 11 yr old or 6 th grade minimum to 2 hours maximum */**	No
Age 12 Through Age 14	Yes	Yes during daytime hours before curfew; not after curfew	No; children 15 or freshmen in high school may be left alone overnight; with access to adult supervision; sponsor must be in local area**	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes** 12 yr olds or 7 th grade minimum
Age 15 Through High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes; minors age 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**

* Red Cross Baby-sitting training or equivalent required

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