

Guidelines for *Leaving Kids*

HOME ALONE

AGE APPROPRIATE:

7 & under	Should not be left alone for any period of time
8-10 years old	Should not be left alone for more than 1½ hours & only during daylight and early evening hours.
11-12 years old	May be left alone for up to 3 hours but not late at night.
13-15 years old	May be left unsupervised, but not overnight.
16-17 years old	May be left unsupervised (in some cases, for up to two consecutive overnight periods).

SAFETY TIPS:

- Things to memorize: Full name, address, telephone number.
- Post an emergency list - local, long distance numbers to call in case of emergency.
- Let neighbors know that your child may be home alone.
- Call the child several times while you are away.
- Teach your child how to lock windows and doors.
- Tell your child not to go into other people's homes (neighbors included) without your permission.
- Designate a safe house to run to if the child feels like he/she is in danger.
- Teach children kitchen safety and what is/is not okay when you are not at home with them.

BY STATE

Alabama	None	Montana	None
Alaska	Unknown	Nebraska	None
Arizona	None	Nevada	None
Arkansas	None	New Hampshire	None
California	None	New Jersey	None
Colorado	12*	New Mexico	10
Connecticut	None	New York	None
Delaware	12*	North Carolina	8
Florida	None	North Dakota	9*
Georgia	8*	Ohio	None
Hawaii	None	Oklahoma	None
Idaho	None	Oregon	10
Illinois	14	Pennsylvania	None
Indiana	None	Rhode Island	Unknown
Iowa	None	South Carolina	None
Kansas	6*	South Dakota	None
Kentucky	Unknown	Tennessee	10*
Louisiana	None	Texas	None
Maine	None	Utah	None
Maryland	8	Vermont	Unknown
Massachusetts	None	Virginia	None
Michigan	11*	Washington	10*
Minnesota	None	West Virginia	Unknown
Mississippi	12*	Wisconsin	None
Missouri	None	Wyoming	Unknown