

HOLLOMAN AFB YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

The topic of youth supervision is one that frequently arises and, while important, is many times hard for parents to quantify. To assist with this responsibility, DODI 6060.3. requires all DoD installations to develop a policy that addresses the ages and circumstances under which child can be left at home without adult supervision. Persons caught violating the below matrix may be charged with child neglect or abuse, depending on the nature of the incident. The most common violations on the installation include leaving young children unsupervised or wandering freely about military family housing. IAW with AF FAP standards, reported violations of these guidelines will result in a referral to the Family Advocacy Program for consideration of potential indications related to prevention education and increased supportive services.

Note: The ages specified 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. In all instances below where a "YES" is indicated, the parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment and for any incident or mishap (not considered preventable) which occurs.

Age of Child	Left without sitter in quarters for 2 hours or less	Left without sitter in quarters for over 2 hours	Left alone overnight	Outside unattended ***	Left car/unattended	Babysit siblings/others
Newborn through age 4	No	No	No	No; must have constant visual supervision	No	No
Age 5 – 7 (Parental Discretion based on maturity level of child)	No	No	No	Yes; in housing area with frequent adult supervision** May walk to and from school without adult	No	No
Age 8 - 9	Yes; with adult access**	No	No	Yes; in housing area with adult access** May walk to and from school without adult	Yes; keys removed, handbrake applied; 15 min. max. (considerations: weather, temp, ventilation)	No
Age 10 - 11	Yes	Yes; with adult access**	No	Yes	Yes; keys removed and handbrake applied (considerations: weather, temp, ventilation)	Yes*; 2 hours max*
Age 12 - 14	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes (considerations: weather, temp, ventilation)	Yes*
Age 15 - 17	Yes	Yes	Yes; not to exceed 5 consecutive days.	Yes	Yes (considerations: weather, temp, ventilation)	Yes*

* Red Cross baby-sitting training or equivalent recommended

** Adult is defined as someone who has assumed responsibility for the child (i.e.; parent, guardian or care provider). Housing Area includes playgrounds/play areas in housing, Holloman Elementary School, Holloman Middle School, and Youth/Teen Center.

*** All children on base are subject to curfew rules. Base curfew hours are: 2200 – 0600 Sunday through Thursday; 2400 – 0600 Friday & Saturday (and/or the day before a holiday). Minors (17 and under) will not be out beyond the vicinity of their quarters during the hours of curfew. Exceptions include adult supervised or base sponsored events, an emergency errand directed by adult, and an employed minor whose work schedule conflicts with curfew hours. Detailed curfew guidance can be found in the 49 Wing Integrated Defense Plan. Adults are responsible to ensure the safety and welfare of children in their care.