

JBSA YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

Below are maximum ages and based on the child’s ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children who do not demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. Where a “yes” is indicated, the parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment and for any incidents or mishaps (not considered preventable). “Adult Supervisor” is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, childcare provider, or friend

Age	Alone in quarters 2 hours or less	Alone in quarters over 2 hours	Left alone overnight	Outside unattended (to include playing)	Left in car unattended	Child-sit siblings	Child-sit others
0 to 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
5 to 6	No	No	No	Yes, playground or yard; immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervisor; age 6 may walk to/from school	No	No	No
7 to 9	No	No	No	Yes, with access to adult supervisor; may walk to/from school	Yes, keys removed and emergency brake on; not in hot weather; up to 15 minutes in other weather; adult within in sight	No	No
10 to 11	Yes, ready access and phone # to adult supervisor*	No	No	Yes	Yes, keys removed and emergency brake on; not in hot weather	No, age 10 Yes, age 11 or in 6 th grade; up to 2 hours; not past 2400; ready access to an adult */**	No
12 to 14	Yes	Yes, up to 6 hours; not past 2400	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, up to 6 hours; not past 2400**	Yes, minimum 7 th grade; up to 6 hours; not past 2400**
15 to 17	Yes	Yes	No, age 15 Yes, age 16; up to 5 days; phone # and access to adult in local area who makes periodic checks	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes**

*Home Alone Training by Youth Programs or other approved source required. For Home Alone Class @ Youth Programs call (210) 652-2088

**Completion of Red Cross Babysitter’s Training or other approved certification course required. Local Red Cross call (800) 928-4271 or

<http://www.redcross.org/local/texas/take-a-class/babysitting-san-antonio-tx>



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
502D AIR BASE WING
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO**



**MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO ASSIGNED PERSONNEL AND
ASSOCIATE UNITS**

FROM: 502 ABW/CC
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SUBJECT: JBSA #105, Supervision of Children

1. IAW Department of Defense Instruction 6060.02, *Child Development Programs*, this memorandum documents the policy under which children residing within all family housing areas of JBSA may be left alone to care for themselves. The primary goal of this policy is to ensure safety our children, as well as outline DoD's minimum requirements for supervision.
2. The attached Youth Supervision Guidelines list the "home-alone" and babysitting policies for various ages and situations. As children have varying levels of maturity, emotional, behavioral, mental, or physical capabilities, parents must exercise reasonable judgment before leaving any child unattended. Babysitting is considered a temporary arrangement and not a replacement for permanent care with a licensed childcare provider. Parents must ensure babysitters and older siblings under the age of 18 have the appropriate training and experience to properly care for younger children. Babysitters under age 18 are required to complete a certified babysitter's course (preferably Red Cross).
3. Failure to comply with this policy may result in intervention by civilian and base authorities or other community agencies, as well as administrative and/or judicial action, as appropriate. Ultimate responsibility for safety, care, wellbeing, and behavior of dependent children remains with parents/legal guardians, whether physically present or not.
4. This policy supersedes all previous policies, same subject.

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Attachment: JBSA Youth Supervision Guidelines