

## YOUTH SUPERVISION POLICY

**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. Parents must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision required.

| Ages of Child                         | Left Without Sitter in Quarter for Two (2) Hours or Less       | Left Without Sitter in Quarters for More Than Two (2) Hours           | Walk to and from School  | Left Alone Overnight   | Outside Unattended (to Include Playing)   | Left in Car Unattended   | Child Baby-sit Siblings   | Child Baby-sit Others                             | Curfew Hours Sunday through Saturday   |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| Newborn Through Age 4                 | No   | No  | No   | No   | No  | No   | No  | No  | N/A  |
| Age 5 through Age 6                   | No   | No  | No, except when there is a crossing guard at major intersections | No   | Yes; playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight of hearing distance to adult supervision)** | No   | No  | No  | N/A  |
| Age 7 through Age 9                   | No   | No  | Yes  | No   | Yes; with access to adult assistance  | Yes, if vehicle is not running and keys are removed; 5 minutes max in hot weather, and 15 minutes max in other weather | No  | No  | 2200-0530  |
| 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 supervision** | Yes  | No   | Yes   | Yes, if vehicle is not running and keys are removed;   | Yes, 11 year old or 6 <sup>th</sup> grade minimum to 2 hours maximum* | No  | 2200-0530  |
| Age 12 through Age 15                 | Yes  | Yes   | Yes  | No; except children age 15 or freshman in high school, may be left alone overnight with access to adult supervision; sponsor must be in the local area   | Yes   | Yes, if vehicle is not running and keys are removed  | Yes*  | Yes*, 12 yr olds or 7 <sup>th</sup> grade minimum | 2200-0530  |
| Age 16 Through High School Graduation | Yes  | Yes   | Yes  | Yes; minors 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*  | 2300-0530 exceptions may be made for chaperoned events or for work-related reasons |

\*Red Cross Babysitting training or equivalent required. For Spokane-area babysitting classes contact: <http://www.ymcaspokane.org/programs/teens/safe-sitter>, (509) 777-YMCA or <https://courseregistration.inhs.org/Home/Course/906> (Inland Northwest Health Service) (509) 242-4264.

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

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