



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AIR STATION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32212-5000

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT
HOME ALONE/SELF CARE

This policy is being established to set forth a minimum age for leaving children alone in government housing onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida. This policy applies to all members residing in Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC).

Parents and guardians are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times. Children who are not properly supervised are at an increased risk of harm to themselves. Unattended children may also impose an unwarranted burden upon the community as subject or victim of inappropriate behavior.

The following policy establishes the guidelines for unattended children:

Age of Child <u>Unattended</u>	Left Unattended <u>In Housing</u>	Left Alone <u>Overnight</u>
0 - 9	No	No
10 - 12	Yes (Not to exceed 2 hours)	No
13 - 15	Yes	No
16 - 18	Yes	Yes

Only with the following criteria being met:

- a. Written proof of access to adult supervision.
- b. Written evidence of prior notification to Security and Housing of destination of travel of parents/guardian, dates the child is to be unaccompanied, emergency contacts, and name and age of unaccompanied child(ren).

Children under the age of 12 are not allowed to baby sit other children, this also includes their siblings.

It is recommended that all children in BBC who plan on babysitting and are of the appropriate age, complete the American Red Cross course on babysitting.

Parents are responsible for the supervision and actions of their children. Violations of this policy may be reported to the Family Advocacy Representative at the local Fleet and Family Support Center. Substantiated cases of violation can be grounds for housing disciplinary action. Parents are expected to exercise proper control over their children. Personality, environment, developmental progress, and maturity levels are all factors parents can use in determining when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision.


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