



Prevent Child Abuse

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HOME ALONE

EDUCATE YOURSELF

When is it okay for your child to be home alone? How do you know when the time is right? Review these questions with your child before leaving them on their own.

QUESTIONS TO ASK

- 1 Is your child mature enough to be home alone? There is a difference in age and maturity.
- 2 Can your child handle fear, loneliness, and boredom?
- 3 Is there a responsible adult nearby?
- 4 Does your child know emergency procedures? (i.e. fire, choking, tornado drills.)
- 5 Is there a first aid kit available?
- 6 Does your child regularly solve small problems without assistance, knowing that it's okay to ask for help?
- 7 Are there siblings who will also be home? Does your child manage conflicts with/among siblings without adult help?

ABOUT US

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. In doing so, we make Indiana a safer, better place for our children.

Together, prevention is possible.

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THE RIGHT TIME

Try leaving your child for short periods of time to test the results. First, make sure that these elements are in place:

KEY ELEMENTS :

- Have clear expectations and rules about when you are away.
- Make a thorough check of your home for safety risks – access to kitchen appliances (especially gas), alcohol and pills, firearms, and bodies of water.
- Remove the risks! Make certain your child has every key necessary to get into the house, with a plan for what to do if the keys are lost.
- All necessary information should be kept close by – your home address, emergency numbers, your contact information, neighbor's or relatives' phone numbers.

It is not recommended to leave any child under the age of 18 alone overnight.

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