

## **Unattended Children Policy**

In an effort to maintain a pleasant and safe library environment for children, the following policy has been adopted by the White House Library Board of Trustees.

1. All children age eight years of age or younger shall be under the direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian or responsible adult at all times.
2. Children 9 to 16 years of age may use the library unattended, subject to the library's rules and regulations concerning behavior, conduct and demeanor.
3. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior, safety and welfare while their children are in the library or on library grounds, which includes their children's access to library materials and electronic resources, regardless of whether they accompany their child or not.
4. The White House Library staff will assist parents, guardians and their children in the use of the library, but will not act in place of a parent for children in the library.
5. If the library is closing and a child is left at the library without transportation home, library staff will ask the child to call home to remind their parents to pick them up. If the child and staff are unable to contact the parents, library staff will remain no longer than 15 minutes after closing. At that time, local law authorities will be contacted and the child will be placed in their care. Under no circumstances shall a staff member drive a child home.

The White House Library staff assumes no responsibility for children left unattended on library premises.