

## **Cedar Falls Public Library SAFE CHILD POLICY**

The Cedar Falls Public Library is not responsible for unattended children:

The Library cannot ensure the safety of any library patron of any age. Library staff duties cannot include babysitting or taking over any parental responsibilities for children in the library. While the Cedar Falls Public Library is concerned about the safety and welfare of all children, parents and caregivers are responsible for the children's safety and welfare and for monitoring children's activities and behavior.

Children ten and under must be under direct visual supervision by a parent or responsible caregiver at all times while in the library. Parents or caregivers are responsible for the safety and appropriate behavior of each child in their care. Parents or caregivers cannot leave young children unattended in the Youth Department or any other library department while using other parts of the library.

Children or groups of children visiting the library from any preschool, child care or babysitting facility must be under direct visual supervision at all times by caregivers to ensure safety and to monitor behavior.

A child (or children) left habitually unattended is (are) deemed to be at risk:

If a parent or guardian of an unattended child age ten and under cannot be contacted or located within one hour of the discovery that the child is unattended, local law enforcement will be notified to take custody of the child.

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