

OHIO UNIVERSITY-ZANESVILLE
Unattended Children
Policy Guidelines & Liability Waiver NOTICE

Policy Statement:

Ohio University is a public institution whose staff tries to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for all who enter Ohio University including the library and computer lab. As such, any individuals who may be disruptive to others may also be required to leave the building.

Please note the resources available in the library meet a limited range of community members' interests and thus all materials are not intended for use by children. These factors should be considered in making a decision whether an individual child is ready to use the library. Any unattended minor, who does not abide by University and departmental guidelines, rules, and policies, or who exhibits unacceptable behavior, will be required to leave the premises. If the individual is a minor, they will be required to call their parents/guardians for a ride. If they are unable to reach their parents/guardian, or if a ride does not come for them, within a reasonable amount of time, the child(ren) may be considered abandoned and the authorities will be called.

- Parents/Guardians are responsible for the conduct of a minor child(ren) (under 18 years of age) on/in University property, regardless of whether they accompany their child(ren) or not.

Unattended child(ren) is defined as:

1. A young child who is unable to care for himself/herself or who may need assistance and is not under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian or custodian.
2. Any child (except high school age child) who is in the library or in the Computer Lab for prolonged periods of time on a repetitive daily or weekly basis.
3. A child who is not picked up by closing time and who is below the age of twelve or who is older but appears to need staff help.

***Ohio University, its faculty, staff, and employees are "in no way responsible" for any and all unattended children in a particular building, in any department (i.e. Library, Open Computer Lab), or on University grounds. Child safety is therefore the "exclusive responsibility" of the child(ren)'s parent/guardian.**



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