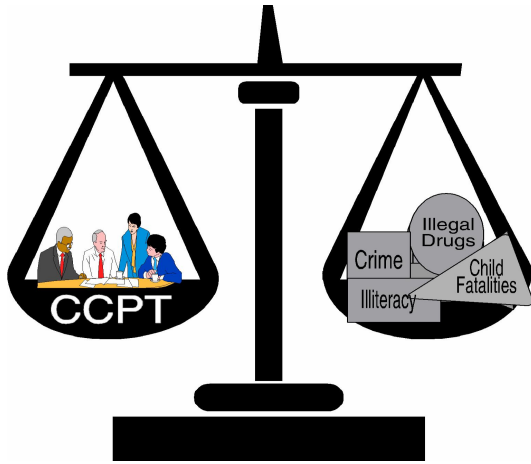


There is no legal age established for when a child can stay at home alone in North Carolina, however, North Carolina Fire Code does specify that children under age 8 should not be locked or confined.



Children who grow up in safe and stable homes receive:

Supervision
Direction
Love
Support
Caring

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART?

CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 8 YEARS OLD MUST BE SUPERVISED

- ◆ The length of time the child is left alone, along with the child's age and cognitive ability factor into whether a child can be safely left alone.
- ◆ The child should not have any emotional, medical or behavioral problems which affect their judgment or decision-making skills.
- ◆ Child must not be afraid to stay alone.
- ◆ Child must have a safety plan which includes knowledge of caretaker's whereabouts and how to reach them, appropriate knowledge of how to respond to an emergency, knowledge of guidelines of acceptable behavior, knowledge of emergency phone numbers and the ability to access.
- ◆ Child should demonstrate the ability to make reasonable decisions and follow the safety plan.

CARING FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

The child's age and cognitive ability factor into the decision as to whether a child is able to provide adequate supervision for other children as well as the age and needs of the children being supervised. A child who is not able to contact emergency personnel and who is afraid to stay at home alone is not able to supervise other children.

A child who is safe at home alone for short periods of time may not be able to handle the responsibility for providing care and supervision for younger children.

THIS IS GENERAL INFORMATION AND MAY OR MAY NOT APPLY TO YOUR CHILD DEPENDING ON THAT CHILD'S ABILITY, MATURITY AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES PLACED ON THE CHILD.



What Is The CCPT?

The CCPT is an interdisciplinary group of community representatives who meet regularly to promote a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse and neglect.

CCPT Mission Statement:

Recognizing that child protection is the responsibility of everyone, and responding to child protection needs is more effective before a child is harmed; the Community Child Protection Team, a team composed of agency representatives, child advocates and citizens-at-large, will take action to identify and address gaps or deficiencies in services and resources through the annual report to the Board of County Commissioners, collaboration with community partners, promoting public awareness, and advocating for action that addresses the child protection needs of each county.

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Nash County Health Department
Edgecombe-Nash Mental Health
District Attorney's Office
Nash County Board of Education
Social Services Board
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools
Rocky Mount Police Department
Nash-Edgecombe Economic Dev.
Nash County Sheriff's Dept.
Guardian Ad Litem
Business Community
Nash County Social Services

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