



Parents should consider whether their child is ready to be unsupervised. If so, it is important to review important safety rules.

Parents and children should discuss how to react if the phone rings or if someone knocks at the door—it is never a good idea for a child to let anyone know they are home alone. In addition, if a child arrives home and the door is open or a window is smashed, the child should go directly to a trusted neighbor for help.

It is also important to make sure your child knows:



How to dial 911



The name, phone number and address of a trusted neighbor



Your address and phone number



The name, phone number and address of another emergency contact person, such as a grandparent or family friend



The name, location and phone number where mom and/or dad work

When thinking about leaving children alone, it is important for parents to consider the risks involved.