

## 813 Unattended Children

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See also related policy on [Library Use \(809\)](#).

### 813.1

The purpose of the unattended children policy is to maintain a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for children using the Library, Bookmobile, or attending Library programs in the community and to reinforce that guardians and caregivers are responsible for the supervision and behavior of the children they care for. Library staff will not assume the role of caregiver for patrons of any age.

### 813.2

Children aged seven or under must be accompanied at all times by a responsible person; the responsible person must be at least 12 years old, and in the immediate vicinity of the child.

### 813.3

Children are subject to the same behavioral expectations and consequences for noncompliance as adult patrons. If a child aged seven or under is left unattended and is disruptive or needs supervision, Library staff will attempt to locate the person responsible for the child and review expectations for supervision and conduct. If a caregiver is not located, or if the Library is closing, the Iowa City Police Department will be called to assume responsibility of the child.

### 813.4

In emergency situations, Library staff may call the Iowa City Police Department or 911 before attempting to contact a guardian.

### 813.5

All requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to the Library Director.

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