

# Child Safety Policy

The Fort Worth Public Library endeavors to provide a welcome, pleasant, and safe environment for all Library users. Please note that while Library staff make an effort to be aware of the activities in the building, parents and care givers are solely responsible for the safety, well-being, and behavior of their children who are visiting the Library or using Library services.

- In case of an emergency, children of all ages are encouraged to have the contact information of a responsible adult or caregiver with them while they visit the library.
- A child under the age of 9 years old is considered an Unattended Child if they are not with a parent or responsible caregiver who is 12 years of age and older. A child under the age of 9 may not enter, remain in, or be left unsupervised in the library.
- Parents and responsible caregivers are expected to remain in the building.
- Please note that all children are expected to observe the Library Behavior Policy.
- If a library staff member determines that a child is unattended, in distress, or violating the Library Behavior Policy, library staff will attempt to contact their parent or caregiver. If a parent or caregiver cannot be located, the library will place the child in the care of the Fort Worth Police Department.

When suspected abuse or neglect on the part of a parent or responsible caregiver is observed, the proper authorities may be contacted about a child in danger.

- At designated times, specific areas of the library may be limited to children and their families. Adults without children will be directed to more appropriate areas of the building during these times.

## Resources:

- Fort Worth Police Department: 817-392-4222
- Safe Place (ACH Child and Family Services): 817-335-4673
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Hotline: 800-252-5400
- [Library Behavior Policy](#)

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