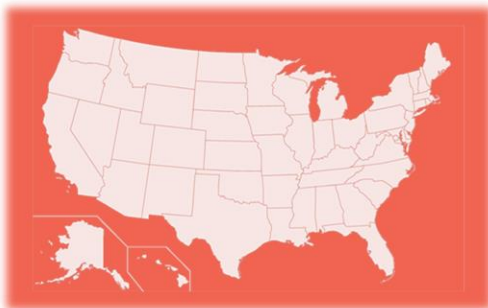


# State by State Guidelines for Leaving Kids Home Alone

State	Minimum Age of Home Alone Child
Alabama	None
Alaska	None †
Arizona	None
Arkansas	None
California	None
Colorado*	12
Connecticut	None
Delaware*	12
Florida	None
Georgia*	8
Hawaii	None
Idaho	None
Illinois	14
Indiana	None
Iowa	None
Kansas*	6
Kentucky	None †
Louisiana	None
Maine	None
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	None
Michigan*	11
Minnesota	None
Mississippi*	12
Missouri	None

State	Minimum Age of Home Alone Child
Montana	None
Nebraska	None
Nevada	None
New Hampshire	None
New Jersey	None
New Mexico	10
New York	None
North Carolina	8
North Dakota*	9
Ohio	None
Oklahoma	None
Oregon	10
Pennsylvania	None
Rhode Island	None †
South Carolina	None
South Dakota	None
Tennessee*	10
Texas	None
Utah	None
Vermont	None †
Virginia	None
Washington*	10
West Virginia	None †
Wisconsin	None
Wyoming	Unknown



\* These states do not set a specific age after which a child legally can stay home alone but do provide recommendations.

Original Source: Database Systems Corp.

† Additional Source Identified by KidSafe Foundation

For details by state, go to Child Welfare Information Gateway: [www.childwelfare.gov/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/)



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