



Child Safety Policy

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The Prescott Public Library welcomes and encourages all children to visit and use the library. For the safety and comfort of the children, a parent, legal guardian or responsible caregiver must accompany and supervise children who are under the age of eight (8) when they are using the library and/or attending a library program. Parents, legal guardians or caregivers are responsible for their child's safety and behavior at all times.

“Caregiver” is defined as any individual twelve years of age or older who has the authority and responsibility to care for a child by the child's parent or legal guardian.

Library employees cannot function as caregivers or babysitters and are unable to monitor minors' interactions or if they leave the library.

When a child is unattended or under-attended and

- the child appears to be a danger to themselves or others (or)
- the child appears to be threatened by others (or)
- the behavior of the child is disruptive or inappropriate (or)
- the child appears to be ill or upset (or)
- the child has not been met by a parent or caregiver 15 minutes before closing

Library staff will attempt to contact the parent or legal guardian of the child. In the event that the parent or guardian cannot be reached or located, staff will contact the Police Department. In the event of an emergency, staff will call 911.

A child of any age who is unaccompanied by a responsible adult or caregiver for an extended period of time (more than 4 hours) may be approached for information concerning their parent's availability. Any minor or child over the age of eight (8) who is left unattended must have a means of contacting their parent or guardian.

Library staff will not transport patrons, of any age, home or to any other destination.

The Prescott Public Library assumes neither responsibility nor liability for the actions, care, supervision or safety of minors.