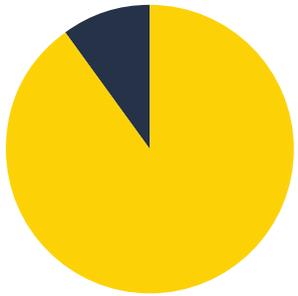


LATCHKEY CHILD:

A child who returns from school to an empty home because his or her parent or parents are away at work, or a child who is often left at home with little adult supervision.



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5 to 14 year olds spend time at home without parental supervision.

According to a national census report, **11% of children aged 5 to 14 spend some time at home without parental supervision.**¹ Whether a child is home alone for an hour or even the whole afternoon, it's extremely important to develop a safety plan to protect them from harm. Here we have assembled some strategies to make your child's "home alone" experience a safe one.

HOMESAFE CHECKLIST

Review this checklist with your child and check each box once discussed!

- Lock the door
- Set the alarm
- Check-in with parent
- Turn lights on after dark
- Homework and chores

What should your child do if...

- A stranger knocks on the door
- A door or window is open when they come home
- An alarm in the house sounds
- They want to use the microwave (help avoid common microwave burns)
- Someone calls and asks to speak with parents
- There is an emergency (who to call and where to go)

¹ Bass, F. (2013, Jun 10) Fewer Home Alone As Census Sees 39% Drop in Latchkey Kids. Retrieved from <http://bloomberg.com>



**Display
the inside
form on your
refrigerator or
in another
common area!
Make sure it is
visible and
your child
knows
where it is.**

NUMBERS TO CALL IN EMERGENCIES

Police:

Fire Department:

Poison Control:

PHONE NUMBERS OF HELPERS

Parent Cell:

Parent Cell:

Relative:

Neighbor:

Veterinarian:
