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## Age limits

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Dear Mr. Kaplan,

There are no set rules governing at what age a child may walk unaccompanied or be left unattended. There are a number of factors which vary from child to child, such as maturity, intelligence, understanding consequences, recognizing dangers and how to obtain help if needed. Additional considerations are duration, geographical characteristics and the totality of the circumstances. Each parent or guardian must be confident in their child's ability to master the task at hand, whether its crossing a street, swimming or utilizing an electrical appliance or tool. Such things cannot be, nor should they be, determined strictly by the age of an individual. Common sense should prevail and if there is any doubt whatsoever, always err on the side of caution.

Sincerely,

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Hi William and Chief Carney,

I am not sure if you are following the current controversy regarding the Meitiv kids in Maryland who were detained when their parents let them play in the park alone – but, I was curious what our rules are here in Teaneck, regarding age limits & restrictions for kids walking unattended / playing in parks on their own.

I appreciate any input you may have,  
Keith

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