

Unattended Children Policy

The Ely Public Library is dedicated to providing a welcoming and safe environment that encourages children to visit the Library, use Library collections and services, and attend Library programs. Library staff are available to assist and support children in their use of the Library's resources.

The Ely Public Library is not responsible for children left unattended on Library premises. Unattended children are defined as minors apparently unaccompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver in the Library.

Parents, guardians, or caregivers are solely responsible for the safety, welfare, and behavior of their children. Parents of young children are encouraged to remain in visual contact with their child at all times. Children, like all Library patrons, must comply with the Library's policies and failure to do so may result in the child/children being asked to leave the Library. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians, or caregivers to inform their children what they should do if they must leave the Library.

Library staff may call the police or other appropriate agency if a child is found unattended when the Library closes or if the child otherwise appears to be at risk or a risk to self or others. If a library staff member calls the family of a child waiting for a ride and there is either no answer or a ride does not appear within a short time period, the staff will then call the police to assist with the situation.

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