## EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILD SAFETY POLICY

The Evansdale Public Library encourages visits by young children and it is our desire to make this important visit both memorable and enjoyable for the child. Library staff is not expected to assume responsibility for the care of unattended children in the library.

The library cannot ensure the safety of any library patron of any age. Library staff duties cannot include babysitting or taking over any parental responsibilities for children in the library. While the Evansdale Public Library is concerned about the safety and welfare of all children, parents and caregivers are responsible for the children's safety and welfare and for monitoring children's activities and behavior.

Children ten and under must be under direct visual supervision by a parent or responsible caregiver at all times while in the library.

Children or groups of children visiting the library from any preschool, child care or babysitting facility must be under direct visual supervision at all times by caregivers to ensure safety and to monitor behavior.

If a parent or guardian of an unattended child age ten and under cannot be contacted or located within one hour of discovery that child is unattended, Evansdale Police Department will be notified to take custody of the child.

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