



Parent Newsletter

HOME ALONE, SAFE + SOUND

As summer kicks into full gear, it's a great time to talk about safety, especially for families with older children who may be spending more time at home without adult supervision. As children grow, so does their need for independence. As you consider whether your child is ready for this milestone, it's important to make sure your child is prepared, confident, and safe. In this newsletter, we're sharing practical tips to help families navigate this step with peace of mind. 

Scan the QR code to download Action for Children's Home Alone Guide! Visit the AFC Resource Library to download the guide in other languages!



Factors to Consider

Before deciding if your child is ready to stay home alone, consider their age, maturity, ability to follow rules, and how they handle unexpected situations.



Ask Yourself

Does your child know who to call and what to do in case of an emergency? Do they use good judgement and problem solving skills? Can your child read, tell time, and follow directions?



Tips and Tricks

Work with your child to create rules for staying home alone. Create routines that they can follow and practice some possible scenarios to check for understanding.



TOILET PAPER ROLL FIREWORKS BLOWERS

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Toilet paper rolls or cardboard tubes (or kitchen towel rolls cut in half)
- Black or dark blue paint (alternatively you can wrap your paper roll in paper and tuck the ends in, making this a more no mess activity)
- Chalk pens and stickers to embellish and decorate your blower
- Recycled tissue paper from old gift wrap or store packaging
- Scissors
- Paint brush
- Glue stick

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Prepare your toilet paper roll by painting the outside in the desired color.
2. Once the paint is dry, embellish your paper roll to resemble the night sky or fireworks with chalk pens or fun stickers.
3. Then, cut long thin strips of streamers from tissue paper. The more colors you use, the more fun it is!
4. Spread a thin layer of glue on the inside of one end of the toilet paper tube.
5. Attach streamers to the inside of the tube and wait for the glue to dry.
6. When you're ready take your tube outside and have your own fireworks show!

Source: [Red Ted Art](#)

Coming Up...

Central Ohio Spraygrounds | Various locations | Throughout the summer | 12pm - 8pm

Grab a bathing suit and stay cool this summer! Barnett, Blackburn, Linden, and Scioto Southland spraygrounds will be open from 12-8 p.m. and remain free to the public.

Ohio State Fair | Ohio State Fairgrounds | July 23 - August 3 | \$8 Advance Tickets!

Experience Ohio's a favorite family tradition since 1850, featuring free stages with amazing hypnotists, impressive magician, a pettis and wholesome kids' entertainment!

Have you attended a RISE Kindergarten Readiness Parent Workshop yet?

It's the most fun way to get your 3-4 year olds ready for the big K! This month we'll be learning about letters and early writing. Register via Eventbrite and get prizes this summer for attending more than one workshop! 🧑🧒🧑🧒🧑🧒



July Dates:
July 8, 10, 22, 24

Register online!