

Festival Parental Supervision Guidelines

NSW Mandatory Reporter Guidelines			Guidelines applied to Rowany Festival
Age / Developmental Age of Oldest Child / Young Person	Time Alone	Circumstances	Example scenario at Festival
Infant/ Toddler	May be briefly unattended with parent/carer in another room.	Another responsible adult is present. Child is asleep or in safe setting (e.g., play pen, child seat, protected area) while parent/carer sleeps or attends to other responsibilities, including self-care.	Child is asleep, or quietly occupied in a limited space. Parent/carer remains within hearing of child.
Preschool	5-15 minutes, parent/carer within hearing of child	Child is asleep, quietly playing, or in safe circumstances and has been given instructions child is capable of following for remaining where he/she is.	Child is asleep, or quietly occupied in a limited space. Parent/carer remains within hearing of child.
Ages 5-7	15-60 minutes, parent/carer within hearing of child	Child is asleep, quietly playing, or in safe circumstances and has been given instructions child is capable of following for remaining where he/she is.	Parent remains within hearing of child. Parent checks in every 15- 60 minutes Child is able to follow rules of child-friendly spaces. Child is able to remain where instructed. Child understands and obeys 'hold' call. Child can play in child-friendly spaces during daylight hours. Parent/carer must accompany child for swimming, at the battlefield and archery range and moving through the tavern
Ages 8-9	2 hours	Child is in safe circumstances and has been given instructions. Child is capable of following for remaining where he/she is.	Parent/carer checks in at least every two hours. Child is able to follow rules of child-friendly spaces. Child respects space and belongings of others (stalls, campsites, activities). Child understands and obeys 'hold' call. Child is able to take themselves to the nearest privy at night. Child can play independently in child-friendly spaces during daylight hours. Parent/carer must accompany child for swimming, at the battlefield and archery range and moving through the tavern
Ages 10-13	12 hours, and not alone between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.	There is a backup adult available to child who is accessible, on call and able to give assistance. Not responsible for supervision of more than two other children. .	Child is able to check in with parent at required periods. Child is able to follow rules of child-friendly spaces. Child respects space and belongings of others (stalls, campsites, activities) Child is able to ask assistance from unfamiliar adults when required (constable etc). Child is able to supervise one or two younger children by negotiation with parents. Child can play independently in child-friendly spaces during daylight hours. Parent/carer must accompany child for swimming, at the battlefield and archery range and moving through the tavern
Ages 14-15	24 hours	There is a backup adult available to child. Child has demonstrated ability to self supervise. Not responsible for supervision of more than two other children.	Child is able to check in with parent at required times. Child is able to ask assistance from unfamiliar adults when required (constable etc). Child is able to supervise one or two younger children by negotiation with parents. Child may use public spaces until 10pm, excluding licensed premises (tavern, wine bar).
Ages 16-17	More than 24 hours	Assess safety based on young person's capacity to live independently. Refer to 'Lack of Shelter' decision tree if needed.	Child may use public spaces freely, excluding licensed premises (tavern, wine bar).