

## Leaving a child alone with siblings

**Parents and carers do their best to make the right decisions in providing care to their child/ren and prioritise the needs and safety of their children. This can sometimes lead to difficult decisions as parents struggle with work pressures. Best practice is to think carefully about leaving your child alone with an older brother or sister and consider safety at all times.**

There's no legal age a child can babysit – but if you leave your children with someone who's under 16, **you're still responsible for their wellbeing**

**The NSPCC gives some excellent advice if you are considering leaving a child home alone with siblings:**

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