

## Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex Policy of Concern

Children are welcome here. We exist to serve children and their families. We care for the safety and well being of our young patrons. The groups located in the Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex hope that the children who use this facility will find it to be a warm and inviting place to develop a love of music, art, science and theatre.

While all the groups in this facility are always working to create a safe and nurturing environment for all, it is necessary for parents and caregivers to do their part to help us insure the safety of children in our facility.

Many programs and classes are offered to make this place enticing to children. When children are left unattended and are not engaged in a facility-sponsored activity, however, they often become disruptive. Children are expected to display appropriate behavior, conducive to maintaining a pleasant atmosphere in the facility for all users.

Young children are not safe when left unattended in the complex. The physical make-up of our building, with its large stairway, long hallways, theatre, balcony, separate rooms and many corners makes it impossible to see children at all times.

In order to create an environment of safety for children, the following policy has been created:

1. Parents and caregivers should be familiar with the start and end time of your child's time here (whether it be a class, a rehearsal, a lesson, etc.) and should not leave children unattended before the complex opens or after it is closing.
2. If a problem arises with a child and staff at the complex are unable to locate the parent(s) or if the facility is closing and the parent(s) cannot be located, the police will be called at the discretion of the staff person.
3. When a child is left unattended (either brought very early to a program/class/event or are not picked up after a program/class/event, a staff member of that particular program will notify parent(s) of the facility's policies.
4. It is the policy of each of the facility's partners that staff members will not transport children.
5. Children nine years of age and younger must be supervised by a caregiver at least 13 years of age who is able to attend to the child's safety and insure appropriate behavior.