

In some areas of the US, a 'curfew' is imposed, in which teenagers are not allowed to be out of doors after a particular time at night unless they are accompanied by an adult.

What is your opinion about this?

Recently, in some regions in the US, the officials have decided that only when children are keeping a fully grown person company, are they permitted to stay out of their homes. This prohibition, claimed by the authorities, can preserve them from some harmful conditions which have lay ahead in their way. In this, however, there are some considerable drawbacks which should be taken into account.

On the one hand, there are some factors that have been cited as the main advantages of imposing a 'curfew' to protect teens from possibly perilous situations which there are after an exact time of night. It is obvious that many of teenagers cannot estimate exactly how dangerous the situations can be, or at least underestimate them. Furthermore, by virtue of having impulsive curiosity, children are more likely at the risk of available threats, and they are an easy victim for criminals. For example, they may be seduced or forced by a stranger to commit a crime which they do not have any awareness about its consequences. Therefore, being with a person who can recognize potential hazards is a seemingly acceptable limitation.

On the other hand, limiting not-adults that they are not allowed to be out at a particular time may have some deleterious effects which have been quoted as the disadvantages of this decision of the governments. For instance, it can put them in an obsessive mental-situation that they are always in danger. They may be suspicious about every occurrences, so it can damage development of their self-confidence and subsequently make them more depend on their parents, thereby threatening their future which could be an otherwise potentially confident and successful one.

Consequently, although laying down a 'curfew' to prevent children from being out too late seems to be reasonable, only if there are no other options, can it be considered the practically rational determination. Thus, it can be accepted by the citizens.