

6 Things Kids Should Always Be Scolded For

No need to think twice — these scenarios signal that it's time to lay down the law.

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It is an absolute law of family dynamics (if not the universe) that grandparent visits are for three things: staying up until midnight, toy aisle binges, and 8-pound desserts. "Typically the role of the grandparents is to spoil the child—have them for a bit, give them ice cream for breakfast, and send them home," says Sylvie de Toledo, founder of the organization [Grandparents as Parents](http://www.grandparentsasparents.org) (<http://www.grandparentsasparents.org>) and co-author of [Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide to Raising a Second Family](http://amzn.to/11oAUKj) (<http://amzn.to/11oAUKj>), which will be re-released in June. "But it's important for grandparents to have a sense of how the parents discipline, so there's a consistency." The goal of these visits is to make lasting memories, of course. But grandparents should also know when it's appropriate, *if not mandatory*, to lay down a little law.

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