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POLICY MEMORANDUM #22

SUBJECT: Supervision of Children

1. Purpose. To impose the requirements for the supervision and safety of children on Fort Bliss, Texas as well as Service Members and their dependents assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas.
2. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all active duty or retired Soldiers, Family members, Army Civilians, contractors, and visitors visiting or residing on Fort Bliss, Texas. This policy is punitive in nature. Violations of this policy may subject offenders to adverse administrative action, non-judicial or judicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), or prosecution under applicable United States Code or Texas Law.
3. Policy. Child supervision is necessary for the safety, protection, care, and management of children in our community. Child supervision is the responsibility of the parent, guardian, or one similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child. The term "parent" will also encompass "guardian" and "one similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child" hereinafter. Violation of this policy may subject military personnel to disciplinary action under the UCMJ and adverse administrative action. Violation of this policy may also subject Military and Civilian personnel to expulsion from Fort Bliss, Texas under 18 U.S.C. § 1382, result in referral to the Juvenile Diversion Board and termination of the privilege of occupying family housing.
4. Definitions. The following definitions apply to this policy:
  - a. Parent. The mother or father of a child related by blood, marriage, or adoption.
  - b. Guardian. Any person acting by, through, or under the direction of a court with jurisdiction over the child.
  - c. One similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child. Any adult person acting by, through, or under the direction of a parent, guardian or is one entrusted with the care, supervision, and administration of the child, such as an educator.

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d. Child. Any human being who is not 18 years of age, and who is not married or emancipated.

e. Ward. Any human being who, due to an infirmity, is unable to consistently make reasoned decisions regarding the care of his or her person and property or to communicate those decisions.

f. Physical Presence. In the home with the child or within the direct sight and hearing of the child.

g. Supervision. A planned, consistent way to provide ongoing care for children. Supervision requires the parent, guardian or one similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of the child to know where the child is at all times.

h. Adult. Any human being who is not a child as defined within this policy.

i. Unsupervised. When a child is not under supervision as defined within this policy.

j. Emergency Situation. An unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action such as if a person's life or safety is threatened.

k. Public Place. Any street, alley, highway, sidewalk, driveway, yard, playground, park, plaza, building, or other place used by or open to a substantial group of the Fort Bliss community. Includes, but not limited to, the common areas of schools, open fields, medical treatment facilities, post quarters and billeting areas, office buildings, playgrounds, office building parking areas, Army, and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) retail facilities, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreational (MWR) activities.

l. Remain.

(1) To linger, stop, or stay for any length of time, or to travel or move upon a street.

(2) To fail to leave premises when directed to do so by a Law Enforcement Officer, the authorized facility representative, or other person in control of the premises.

m. Street. The legal right of way, including traffic lanes, curbs, sidewalks, whether paved or unpaved, parkway and any grass plots or other grounds found within the legal right of way of a street.

n. Direct Route. The shortest path of travel through a public place to reach a destination without any detour or stop along the way.

5. Guidance. The guidance regarding supervision of children is as follows:

a. Leaving the physical presence of a child, from birth through five (5) years of age, is not authorized at any time or place.

b. Leaving the physical presence of a child, from six (6) through nine (9) years of age, is not authorized at any time or place. The child may be permitted to play outside if a responsible adult provides direct supervision. The child is not authorized to walk to or from school unless directly supervised by a responsible adult. Working parents are encouraged to enroll their children in appropriate supervised programs, to include School Age Services, before and after school programs, or Family Child Care homes.

c. Leaving the physical presence of a child, from 10 through 11 years of age, at any time or place for more than two (2) hours unsupervised is not authorized. This two (2)-hour period may be within 0600-2000 hours.

d. Children, 12 years of age, may be left unattended from 0600-2000 for periods not to exceed four (4) hours. Children this age may also baby-sit younger siblings during the same four (4)-hour period. Children performing baby-sitting duties should consider taking the baby-sitting course offered through the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills Unlimited (SKIES Unlimited) which certifies them in First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

e. Children, 13 through 15 years of age, may be left unattended during the day and evening hours not to exceed eight (8) hours. Children this age may baby-sit younger children other than their siblings during this time. Children performing baby-sitting duties should consider taking the baby-sitting course offered through SKIES Unlimited which certifies them in First Aid and CPR.

f. Children, 16 years of age and older, may be left unattended, to include overnight. Children this age may also baby-sit younger siblings during the same time.

g. The curfew guidance is as follows:

(1) A child, 16 years of age or younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any public place on Fort Bliss between the hours of 2300 and 0600.

(2) A responsible adult may not knowingly, or by insufficient control, allow the minor to be in violation of the curfew imposed by this policy.

(3) Exceptions include:

(a) If accompanied by a responsible adult.

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- (b) On an emergency errand or involved in an emergency.
  - (c) Engaged in lawful employment, or volunteer work, or is going to, or coming from, such activity using a direct route.
  - (d) On the sidewalk, or in the yard, of the place of residence and are not causing any disturbance to any persons warranting a response from any emergency service.
  - (e) Attending a school, government sponsored, religious, or otherwise authorized activity or is going to or coming from a school, religious, government sponsored, or otherwise authorized activity using a direct route.
  - (f) Married or otherwise legally emancipated of minor status.
- h. The guidance concerning special curfew zones is as follows:
- (1) A child, 16 years of age or younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any unlit public place during the hours of darkness.
  - (2) A child, 16 years of age or younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any unlit public park during the hours of darkness.
  - (3) A child, 17 years of age and younger, may not remain, walk, run, stand, drive, or ride about in, or upon, any Single Service Member Housing (i.e., barracks) at any time, day and/or night.
6. This policy is effective upon signature and remains in effect until superseded or rescinded. A copy of this policy will be posted on all official bulletin boards and official websites and made available upon request.
7. The point of contact for this policy is the Fort Bliss Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program (FAP) at (915) 568-9129.



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