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MEMORANDUM FOR All Services Members, Civilians, Assigned, Attached, or Employed to Area IV Installations

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison, Daegu Command Policy Letter 26-39, Standards of Child Supervision

1. REFERENCES:

a. Army Regulation 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 2017.

b. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007, Rapid Action Revision 13 September 2011.

c. Army Regulation 608-75, The Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 January 2017.

d. Army Regulation 601-1, Army Community Services (19 Oct 17).

e. USFK Regulation 600-52, Civilian and/or Family Member Misconduct 17 February 2014

2. PURPOSE: To provide guidance to the USAG Daegu Community on the Standards of Child Supervision.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all military members, DOD civilian employees and invited Contractors that reside in Area IV. This policy also applies to all Family members of military members, DOD civilian employees, and invited Contractors living on or off post, either a command sponsored, or non-command sponsored status.

4. GENERAL:

a. Sponsors and parents are responsible for the health, welfare, and safety of their Children at all times. Sponsors and parents must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their Child when determining the level of supervision, the Child requires.

b. Commanders have a responsibility to reduce potential command liability through risk management. Enforcement of parental responsibility and implementation of child supervision helps commanders:

(1) Protect the safety of Children by ensuring they are supervised.

(2) Safeguard others from risks associated with unsupervised Children in housing/common areas and minimize installation property damage.

(3) Reduce soldier, civilian, and/or Family member lost duty time due to Child misconduct through lack of supervision.

(4) Minimize installation property damage (e.g., vandalism).

5. DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES:

a. The Child supervision age matrix/guidelines are attached as Appendix A of this policy letter. The matrix operates as a tool to avoid instances of Child neglect and serves as a guideline on the appropriate level of adult supervision for Children.

b. A Child is defined as an unmarried person under the age of 18 who is eligible for care through a Department of Defense medical treatment program and for whom a parent, guardian, foster parent, caregiver, employee of a residential facility, or any staff person providing out-of-home care is legally responsible.

c. Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) (as defined by AR 608-75) require special levels of supervision. These guidelines for supervision and babysitting are to be modified in accordance with their special needs. Parents must consult with their primary care physician to determine the appropriate level of supervision. Parents should not give the degree of self-management and responsibility allowed in this guidance to Children with special needs.

d. Immediate access: Being within physical eyesight or hearing distance and the ability to respond immediately.

e. Access: Having the ability to contact a verifiable, prearranged, responsible adult in case of emergency with the Sponsor knowing the location of the Child.

f. Respond: Being able to be in the physical presence of Child in said amount of time.

g. Day time is defined as 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 p.m., Evening is defined as 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m., Overnight is defined as 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

h. Children Outside and Unattended:

(1) Children, ages Newborn to 5 years, must always be under direct supervision with immediate access to a Sponsor/Caregiver.
(2) Children, ages 6 must always be under direct supervision with immediate access to a Sponsor/Caregiver.

(3) Children, ages 7 must always be under direct supervision with immediate access to a Sponsor/Caregiver.

(4) Children, ages 8 to 9, direct supervision at all times with immediate access to Sponsor/Caregiver. May walk unaccompanied to/from a school bus stop with a buddy. May not be on the playground unattended Caregiver/Sponsor must be in the immediate area in case of an emergency.

(5) Children, aged 10, the sponsor should know Child's location and activities. May be left unattended with phone access to Caregiver/Sponsor and check in every two (2) hours. The Caregiver/Sponsor must know the Child's location, activity and be able to respond to the Child within one (1) hour.

(6) Children, ages 11 the sponsor should know Child's location and activities. May be left unattended with phone access to Caregiver/Sponsor and check in every two (2) hours. The Caregiver/Sponsor must know the Child's location, activity and be able to respond to the Child within three (3) hours.

(7) Children, ages 12 to13, the sponsor should know Child's location and activities. May be left unattended with phone access to Caregiver/Sponsor and check in every two (2) hours. The Caregiver/Sponsor must know the Child's location, activity and be able to respond to the Child within 30 minutes.

(8) Children, ages 14 to 15, may be left unattended but must have a check-in system (must have access to a phone). The Child is required to know how to access Sponsor/Caregiver and provide guidance for emergency situations.

i. Children Left Alone in Quarters:

(1) Children, age 11, may be left alone for a period not to exceed three (3) hours and must have a check-in system. The Sponsor/Caregiver must know Child's location/activity and be able to respond to the Child within one hour.

(2) Children, ages 12 and 13, may be left alone for a period not to exceed six (6) hours and must have a check-in system. Sponsor/Caregiver must know Child's location/activity and be able to respond to the Child within one hour.

(3) Children, ages 14 to15 may be left for a period not to exceed nine (9) hours during the day or evening with a minimum of telephonic contact. Children, ages 14-16, are not authorized to be alone between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

(4) Children, ages 17 to 18, may be left alone overnight not to exceed two consecutive nights. All Children alone overnight must have access to a parentally designated adult who is available in the event of emergencies.

f. Requirements for Babysitters:

(1) Children, age 12 and 13, may babysit for their immediate and non-immediate Family members under age 10 for a period not to exceed four (6) hours during daytime hours only. Age 12 must complete certification with the CYS Babysitters course or American Red Cross prior to babysitting.

(2) Children, ages 14-15, may babysit for their immediate and non-immediate Family members under age 11 for a period not to exceed nine (9) hours per day. During daytime hours only. Overnight babysitting is not authorized. Children must complete certification with CYS Babysitters Course or American Red Cross prior to babysitting.

(3) Children, age 16 to 18, may babysit siblings and Children who are not immediate Family members. Certification is required with the CYS Babysitters Course or American Red Cross prior to babysitting. Babysitter must know how to contact the Sponsor/Caregiver and/or emergency services.

k. Actions that law enforcement and chain of command may take when they observe Children in Area IV in conditions that are below the minimum acceptable supervisory standards outlined in this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Contact will be made by law enforcement and chain of command will provide appropriate supervision. Law enforcement may also notify Family Advocacy Program.

(2) Law enforcement may investigate the Sponsor, parent, or designated care provider to determine if abuse or neglect occurred and appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken based upon the Uniform Code of Military Justice, United States Forces Korea (USFK) Regulation 600-52 Civilian/Family Member Overseas Misconduct, or the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act. Serious abuse or neglect cases may result in adverse administrative actions, offenders being barred/denied access from installation(s), the early return of dependents, or criminal prosecution under the UCMJ or other applicable laws.

l. USAG Daegu and Area IV residents who observe an unattended/unsupervised Child will contact Provost Marshal Office (Military Police) at DSN: 763-4717; off post- dial: 0503-363-4717.

m. This policy supersedes all previous Standards of Child Supervision in USAG Daegu and Area IV.

6. The point of contact is the memorandum is the ACS Family Advocacy Program Manager at DSN 315-763-4456/5126 or lisa.l.evergin.civ@army.mil.

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Appendix A (Child Supervision Matrix)

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