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

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Daegu Command Policy letter #39, Standards of Child Supervision

1. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 2017
- b. AR 608-10, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007, Rapid Action Revision 13 September 2011.
- c. AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 January 2017.

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

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all military, DOD civilian employees, and invited Contractors that reside in Area IV. This policy also applies to all family member of military, 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. This policy is to:

- (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.

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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 an 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 at 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 7 and younger, must always be under direct supervision with immediate access to sponsor/caregiver.

(2) Children, ages 8-10, may walk unaccompanied to/from school bus stop with a buddy. Caregiver/Sponsor must be in the immediate area (i.e., home) in case of an emergency.

(3) Children, ages 10 and younger, will not be left unattended in cars or other vehicles under any circumstances. Children aged 10 and under will not be left attended at the playground under any circumstances.

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(4) Children, ages 11-13, may be left unattended with phone access to Caregiver/Sponsor and check in every two (2) hours. Caregiver/Sponsor must know child's location, activity and be able to respond to the child within one (1) hour.

(5) Children, ages 14-16, 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 four (4) hours and must have check in system. Sponsor/Caregiver must know child's location/activity and to 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 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 14-16 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, age 17, 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 vent of emergencies.

(5) All children must have the supervision adult's work, home, and emergency phone numbers. The parentally designated adult must be able to response in one (1) hour.

j. Requirements for Babysitters:

(1) Children, age 11, may babysit siblings aged six (6) and older not to exceed one hour (Daytime Only).

(2) Children, age 12, may babysit for their immediate and non-immediate family members under age 10 for a period not to exceed hour (4) hours during daytime hours only. Age 12 children must complete certification with the CYS Babysitters course or American Red Cross prior to babysitting.

(3) Children, age 14-15, may babysit family members under age 11 for a period not to exceed nine (9) hours per day. Overnight babysitting is not authorized.

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(4) Children, ages 14-16, may babysit children who are not immediate family members under age 11 for a period not to exceed nine (9) hours during daytime hours only. Ages 14-16 children must complete certification with CYS Babysitters Course or American Red Cross prior to babysitting.

(5) Children, age 17, may babysit siblings and children who are not immediate family members. Certification is required with CYS Babysitters Course or American Red Cross prior to babysitting. Babysitter must know how to contact 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: 0503-363-4171.

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

6. The point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at DSN: 763-4456

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Appendix A (Child Supervision Matrix)


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Sponsors and parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community. Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress, and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Sponsors and parents are responsible for making this decision. The following are minimum community standards. These guidelines apply to all Military, DOD, and Invited Contractors personnel living on or off post.

Age of Child	Required Supervision	Left Alone in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Walking to Bus Stop and/or Play Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Babysitting Siblings	Babysitting Others
0 -7	Direct supervision at all times with immediate access to sponsor/caregiver	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
8-10	Direct Supervision at all times with immediate access to sponsor caregiver	NO	NO	YES Ages 8 - 10 may walk unaccompanied to/from a school bus stop with a buddy; Ages 8 - 10 may not be on the playground unattended Caregiver/Sponsor must be in the immediate area in case of an emergency.	NO	NO	NO
11-13	The sponsor should know the child's location and activities. Emergency contacts are available.	YES Age 11 not to exceed 4 hrs. Age 12-13 not to exceed 6 hours. Sponsor/Caregiver must know the child's location/activity and be able to respond within 1 hour.	NO	YES Phone access to Caregiver/Sponsor and check-ins every 2 hours. Caregiver/Sponsor must know the child's location, and activity and be able to respond to the child within 1 hour.	YES Not more than 10 minutes and the keys MUST be removed, and the parking brake applied.	YES Age 11 may babysit siblings ages 6 and older not to exceed 1 hour. Age 12 may babysit siblings under age 10 not to exceed 6 hours. (Daytime Only) .	YES Age 12 may babysit for children under age 10 not to exceed 6 hours (Daytime Only) . Training or Course required.
14-16	Need to know how to access Sponsor/Caregiver and guidance for emergency situations.	YES Not to exceed 9 hours. (Daytime only) Must have a check-in system. *Overnight alone is not authorized	NO	YES Must have a check-in system Need to know how to access Sponsor/Caregiver and guidance for emergency situations.	YES	YES Ages 14-16 may babysit family members under age 11 not to exceed 9 hours	YES May babysit not to exceed 9 hours. Training or Course required. Overnight care is not authorized
17-18	Sponsors are responsible for their children and their actions if Family Member status is maintained.	YES No more than two consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision.	YES The sponsor should know the child's location and activities. Emergency contacts are available.	YES Time is left up to the Sponsor's discretion.	YES	YES	YES Training or Course required.

*** In extreme cold or hot weather temperatures children are not authorized to be left in a vehicle for **any** length of time.

*** Children with special needs (i.e., medical/emotional/behavioral health) conditions are to be supervised at all times or as appropriate per medical/safety recommendations.

***Ages 12 and over must attend the CYS Babysitting Training and/or American Red Cross Babysitting Course to care for children other than immediate family.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course: POC 0503-363-5987 or DSN 763-5987 and/or CYS Services Babysitter Training: 0503-363-2266 or DSN 736-2266 is required to care for any minor child sitting children other than immediate family members.