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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON (USAG) DAEGU AND AREA IV

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Daegu Policy Letter #21-51, Standards of Child Supervision

1. References:

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007.
- b. AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 January 2017.
- c. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 2017.
- 2. Purpose: To provide guidance to the USAG Daegu Community on the Standards of Child Supervision.
- 3. Applicability: These procedures are applicable to Military, Civilian, and/or Family Members on and off post within the operational control of Area IV.

4. General:

a. Sponsors and parents are ultimately 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.

5. Definitions and Procedures:

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- a. The child supervision age matrix/guidelines is 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 DOD 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. Children outside and unattended: Children, ages 10 and younger, must be under the supervision of and have **immediate access** to a responsible adult at all times. Children, ages 9 and younger, will not be left unattended in cars or other vehicles under any circumstances. Parent or the responsible party needs to be physically present with children, ages 5 and younger, at all times.

Note: Immediate access is defined as within physical eyesight or hearing distance and the ability to respond immediately.

(1) Children, ages 11 and older, must have access to adult supervision.

Note: Access is defined as having the ability to contact a verifiable, prearranged, and responsible adult in case of an emergency with the sponsor knowing the location of the child.

- (2) Children, ages 11 and older, may play outside with access to an adult.
- e. Children left alone in quarters:
- (1) Children, ages 11 and older, may be left alone in quarters (including on post and off post housing in Area IV) under certain conditions. Children, ages 11 through 13, may be left alone for no longer than 4 hours. Children, ages 14 through 15 may be left alone for up to 9 hours during the day or evening with a minimum of telephonic contact during the nine-hour period. This does not authorize overnight. The "I'm Alone" training provided by Child and Youth Services (CYS) is highly recommended however not mandatory.

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(2) Children, ages 16 and older, may be left alone overnight. All children alone overnight must have access to a parentally designated adult who is available in the event of emergencies. All children must have the supervising adult's work, home, and emergency phone numbers. The parentally designated adult must be in the immediate vicinity. For example, if the child is at Camp Walker, the parentally designated adult must also be at Camp Walker, not Camp Henry.

Note: Overnight is defined as 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

- (3) At a minimum, a child must be at least 11 years old to attend community activities and events. Child must have access to adult supervision.
- f. Requirements for Babysitters: Minors, ages 12 and older, may babysit for their immediate family members or other families' children. It is mandatory for children, ages 12 and older, to take the certified babysitters course through CYS prior to babysitting for children who are not immediate family members. Babysitters, age 12, can babysit family members or other children (under age of 10) for up to 4 hours. Babysitters, ages 14 through 15, may babysit family members or other children under the age of 11 for a period not to exceed 9 hours per day. This does not authorize overnight babysitting.

Note: Overnight is defined as 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Babysitter's are authorized to babysit intermittently between the overnight hours (i.e., 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.), however not in a continuous manner.

- g. USAG Daegu and Area IV residents who observe an unattended/unsupervised child will contact Provost Marshall Office (Military Police) at DSN: 763-4717 or 0503-363-4717 from off-post.
- h. This policy supersedes all previous Standards of Child Supervision in USAG Daegu and Area IV.
- 6. Proponent: The proponent of this policy of this policy is USAG Daegu Army Community Service. The point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at DSN: 763-4456.

Encl Appendix A Matrix BRIAN P. SCHOELLHORN

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Appendix A (Child Supervision Matrix)

Age of Child	Left Alone in Residence	Left Alone Overnight	Outside and Unattended	Left Alone in Car Unattended	Children Babysitting Siblings	Children Babysitting Others
0-5 years	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
5-10 years	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
11-13 years	*YES, for no longer than 4 hours (I'm alone class recommended)	NO	YES	YES	**YES (11 and over; adhere to "Left Alone in Residence criteria)	**YES (Mandatory Babysitting Course for ages 12 +)
14-15 years	YES (for no longer than 9 hours during the day or evening; no overnights)	NO	YES	YES	YES	**YES (Mandatory Babysitting Course for ages 12 +)
16-18 years	YES	YES (with Adult Emergency Point of Contact)	YES	YES	YES	**YES (Mandatory Babysitting Course for ages 12 +)

^{*}CYS "I'm Alone" Class Recommended, Not Required.

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