

**TABLE 1: USAG-HI CHILD SUPERVISION GUIDELINE MATRIX**

Sponsors and parents are responsible for the welfare and the 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.

Age of Child	May Be Left Unattended at Home	May Be Left Outside Unattended (Including Playing)	May Be Left Unattended In A Car	May Care For Siblings	May Care For Other's Children (Besides Siblings)
Newborn to age 5	No	No	No	No	No
6-9 year-old	No	Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access (to include being within sight or hearing) to adult supervision.  Children 6 years old and older are exempt from the "outside unattended" rule when walking to and from school, school bus stop, or CYS activity. Walk cannot be longer than 1 mile or cross a busy street (notes 1, 2, 3, & 4).	6 year-old: No  7-9 year-old: Yes, up to 10 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 1 & 2).	No	No
10-11 year-old	Yes. Not more than 4 hours in a 24 hour period (not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4, 6, & 7).	Yes, with ready access to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check in with the sponsor, parent, or caregiver hourly. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Adult must be capable of responding in 30 minutes or less to child in crisis. Parent should take into consideration child's maturity, and any limitations or special needs (notes 1, 2, 3, & 4).	Yes, up to 20 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 1 & 2).	10 year-old: No  11 year-old: Yes, may care for siblings age 6 and older. Not to exceed 3 hours (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6).	No
12-13 year-old	Yes, for up to 6 hours in a 24-hour period (not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4, 6, & 7).	Yes, with access to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check-in via phone or in person every 2 hours. Parent must know child's location/activity and respond to the child within 1 hour. Parents should take into consideration the child's maturity and any limitations or special needs (notes 1, 2, 3, & 4).	Yes	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7). Siblings must be over 2 years old.	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7). Non-siblings must be over 2 years old.
14-15 year-old	Yes, but not overnight. No longer than 9 hours with ready access to adult supervision (note 2, 6, & 7).	Yes, with access to adult supervision by phone or designated caregiver within 2 hours. Contact must be made every 3 hours. Follow curfew guidance.	Yes	Yes, for up to 9 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7).	Yes, for up to 9 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7). Non-siblings must be over 2 years old.
16-17 year-old	Yes, no more than two consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision (note 2, 6, & 7).	Yes, follow curfew guidance.	Yes	Yes (notes 1, 2, 3, 6, & 7).	Yes (notes 1, 2, 3, 6, & 7).

**Notes:**

- Parents must make an informed choice (for example, regarding weather, potential hazards, or amount of time).
- Parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children. Questions to consider may include: "Can your child solve problems independently?" "Does your child think through the consequences before choosing to behave in a certain way?" "How does your child occupy him/herself when left with free time?"
- Adult supervision is defined as "someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child (for example, a parent, guardian, care provider, friend)."
- Ready access is defined as "at a minimum, telephonic access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision." (must be readily available physically if needed to respond)
- Children less than 16 years-old cannot provide care in an overnight situation (0100-0500). An older child or adult must be in the home to provide care from 0100-0500 hours.
- Home-alone training by Child & Youth Services or other sources is highly recommended.
- Child & Youth Services babysitting and Babysitting & CPR/First Aid Workshops for ages 12-17 training is highly recommended to babysit.