



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND-PACIFIC
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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel, Family Members, and Department of Defense Civilian Employees within United States Army Installations in Hawaii

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-12 Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations Hawaii

1. References.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 30 Oct 07.

b. AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), 27 Jan 17.

c. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 17.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all Soldiers, Family Members and sponsored individuals within U.S. Army Installations in Hawaii.

3. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children. Parents must use sound judgement and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their children when determining the level of supervision their children require. Failure to exercise those parental responsibilities may constitute child neglect.

4. Children who meet the criteria for the 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.

5. Primary child supervision guidelines. See Encl 1 for a matrix of these guidelines. These guidelines are based on a child's age, not their grade in school.

a. Children less than 10 years old cannot be left unsupervised at bus stops, public facilities, residences, in vehicles or recreational areas, and cannot walk to and from school or bus stops alone.

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b. Children 10-11 years old may be left alone up to four hours in a 24-hour period, but not overnight (0100-0500 daily).

c. Children 12-13 years old may babysit their siblings or children other than siblings (age two years old and above) for up to six hours if they have ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight. They can also walk their siblings or children other than siblings to and from school or bus stops and supervise those children while at the bus stops. It is highly recommended that any child or youth that will be appointed to do so take the Babysitting workshop offered by Child, Youth, and School (CYS) Services. It is also highly recommended that the child or youth take the First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.

(1) CYS Services offers babysitting and CPR training, call Schofield Barracks Parent Central Services at 655-8380 or Aliamanu Military Reservation Registration Office at 833-5393 for additional information. Children can take the training at age 12 and be placed on the CYS Services Sitters Referral list at age 13.

(2) Children must be trained and 13 years old or older to be registered on the CYS Services Sitters Referral List.

d. Children 14-15 years old may babysit their siblings or children other than siblings for up to eight hours if they have ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight.

e. Children, 16-18 years old or older, may be left alone (self-monitored care) for up to 48 hours. Minors will have telephone access to an adult in case of emergency.

6. The USAG-HI curfew policy is as follows:

a. Children 13 years of age and younger will be inside their own or someone else's Island Palm Communities (IPC) quarters between 2100 and 0600 unless they are under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or Family Member 18 years of age or older.

b. Children 14-17 years of age will be inside their own or someone else's IPC quarters between 2200 and 0530 unless they are under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or Family Member 18 years of age or older.

c. All dependent children or Family Members 10-17 years of age must have their military issued dependent ID card in their possession at all times while outside IPC housing unless they are under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or Family Member 18 years of age or older.

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d. Exceptions to the above curfew are: returning home from a community facility, an installation activity, a Youth Center Program, a supervised CYS Activity or paid employment.

7. Families with children of different ages living in the same home must arrange appropriate care for all children. It is the primary job of the parents and not of the eldest child to ensure supervision of younger children. The age of the youngest child in the home will determine the appropriate level of supervision required.

8. Since each child is unique, every parent, guardian, or designated adult caregiver must exercise reasonable judgement before leaving a child unsupervised. Important variables to consider are as follows:

- (a) Maturity of child.
- (b) Child's knowledge of and ability to apply emergency procedures.
- (c) Presence of any physically or emotionally disabling conditions.
- (d) Accessibility to parents or another designated informed adult.
- (e) Number and ages of other children present without direct supervision.
- (f) Age-appropriate responsibilities given to the child.

NOTE: Parents of children with an identified diagnosis such as, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), behavioral problem, developmentally delayed, impulsivity, psychiatric problem, or other physically or emotionally disabling conditions that could inhibit their children's ability to make appropriate choices should not give those children the degree of self-management and responsibility described in this policy.

9. Parents or a designated appropriate caregiver must be present at CYS Services activities.

10. Within the Hawaii Army community, military personnel, Family Members, or DOD Civilians leaving children unsupervised should be referred to the military police. Reports of possible neglect will be addressed to the military police in the Schofield Barracks community at 655-5555/7114 or in the Fort Shafter community at 438-7114. Parents will comply with all State of Hawaii and Federal laws pertaining to child safety and well-being.

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11. This policy memorandum supersedes Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-12, SAB, dated 26 Aug 16 and remains in effect until cancelled or superseded in writing.

12. Point of contact is the Army Community Service, FAP Manager at 655-4227/4778 or the CYS Services Coordinator at 656-0092.

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Encl 1: USAG-Hawaii Child-Supervision Guideline Matrix

Age of Child	May Be Left Alone at Home	May Be Left Alone Overnight	May Be Left Outside Unattended (Including Playing)	May Be Left Unattended in a Car	May Babysit Siblings	May Babysit Others (Besides Siblings)
Newborn to age 6	No	No	No	No	No	No
6-9 year-old	No. Children less than ten years-old will not be left unsupervised at bus stops, public facilities, residences, in vehicles or recreational areas and cannot walk to school unsupervised.	No	Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access to adult supervision (notes 2 and 3).	No	No	No
10-11 year-old	Yes, not more than four hours in a 24 hour period (not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).	No	Yes, in a playground within 10 minutes walking distance from the residence. Parent must physically see child every hour (notes 1, 2, 3, and 4).	Yes, up to 15 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 1 and 2).	No	No
12-13 year-old	Yes, for up to 6 hours in a 24-hour period (but not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, and 4).	No	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, and 4).	Yes	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7). Siblings must be over two years-old.	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7). Non-siblings must be over two-years old.
14-15 year-old	Yes, up to eight hours, but non overnight (note 2).	No	Yes	Yes	Yes, for up to 8 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7).	Yes, for up to 8 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7). Non-siblings must be over two-years old.
16-18 year-old	Yes (note 2).	Yes, for up to 48 hours. Minors will have telephone access to an adult in case of emergency (note 2).	Yes	Yes	Yes (notes 1, 2, 3, and 7).	Yes (notes 1, 2, 3, and 7).

Notes:

1. Parents must make an informed choice (for example, regarding weather, potential hazards, or amount of time).
2. 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?"
3. Adult supervision is defined as "someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child (for example, a parent, guardian, care provider, friend)."
4. Ready access is defined as "at a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision." (must be readily available physically if needed to respond)
5. Children less than sixteen 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.
6. Home-alone training by ACS, Child, Youth & School Services or other sources is strongly recommended.
7. Child, Youth & School Services babysitting and CPR/First Aid training is required to babysit.