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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy #27, Standards of Child Supervision

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6060.3, School-Age Care (SAC) Program, 19 Dec 96
- b. Army Regulation 608-1, Army Community Service, 19 Oct 17
- c. Army Regulation 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 17
- d. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 Oct 07 (*RAR 001, 13 Sep 11)
- e. Army Regulation 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 Jan 17)
- f. USFK Regulation 600-52, Civilian and/or Family Member Misconduct, 17 Feb 14

2. Purpose: To establish minimum acceptable standards for the supervision of children that reside in Area III.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military and civilian employees of the Department of Defense (DOD) and Invited Contractors that reside in Area III (hereafter collectively referred to as "sponsors" and individually referred to as a "sponsor"). This policy also applies to a sponsor's dependent(s) (including spouse and children) when they reside in Area III in either a command sponsored or a non-command sponsored status.

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

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- (1) Protect the safety of children by ensuring they are supervised.
- (2) Safeguard others from risks associated with unsupervised children in housing/common areas (e.g., playing with matches).
- (3) Minimize installation property damage (e.g., vandalism).
- (4) Reduce Soldier, Civilian and Family Member lost duty time due to child misconduct through lack of supervision.

5. Policy:

a. The child supervision age matrix is attached to 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. Child neglect will be determined based on the facts and circumstances of each incident. Each child is unique with different personalities, environment, developmental progress and maturity level. The matrix cannot cover every possible situation involving the supervision of children. At no time shall any child be left unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health or safety.

b. The following personnel may supervise children: sponsor, parent, designated adult (18 years old or older), sibling (11 years old or older) or other family member (11 years old or older), Family Child Care Provider, Child Developmental Center or School-Age Center (SAC) employee (whose duty responsibilities include the supervision of children) and babysitter.

c. Children that are 11 years old that are eligible to stay home alone should complete Home Alone Self-Care Training provided in partnership through the Family Advocacy Program and Child and Youth Services (CYS).

d. Children that are 7 to 10 years old and walking to or from school or the bus stop should follow the buddy system and walk with a friend or in a group.

e. To be listed on the Child and Youth School (CYS) Services list of babysitters, interested individuals must complete either the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course for ages 12 and up or the CYS Services Babysitter Training Course.

f. Children that meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program as defined by Army Regulation (AR) 608-75 may require special levels of supervision that supplement the minimum acceptable supervisory standards for children.

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g. USAG-H residents and community members that observe children in Area III in conditions that are below the minimum acceptable supervisory standards for these children should contact the Military Police: Camp Humphreys, call DSN 755-9917 or Commercial 0503-355-9917 (24 hours) or Family Advocacy Behavioral Health DSN 737-5799 or Commercial 0503-337-5799.

h. Actions that law enforcement and chain of command may take when they observe children in Area III in conditions that are below the minimum acceptable supervisory standards for these children include (but are not limited to) the following:

(1) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider will be immediately contacted to provide appropriate supervision. Law enforcement or chain of command will notify Family Advocacy Behavioral Health.

(2) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider may be investigated to determine if abuse or neglect occurred and appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken based upon the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act or USFK/USAG Humphreys and Area III regulation and policy dealing with civilian and Family member misconduct. Serious abuse or neglect cases may result in adverse administrative actions, offenders being barred from post, the early return of dependents or criminal prosecution under the UCMJ or other applicable laws.

(3) A finding of child neglect may be assessed against the sponsor, parent, and/or designated care provider if a child is observed in conditions that satisfy the regulatory definition of "child neglect" contained in AR 608-18

i. This policy will be reviewed as required by regulations.

6. Point of contact is the DFMWR, Army Community Service Chief, DSN 755-1958.

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Appendix A Matrix



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CHILD SUPERVISION AGE MATRIX Appendix A

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 at Home | Left Alone Overnight | Play Outside Unattended | Walk to school/ Bus Stop Alone | Left in Car Unattended | Child Sit Siblings | Child Sit Others |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Newborn - 5 years | Close supervision at all times. | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| 6 years | Direct Supervision* | NO | NO | With immediate access + (visual sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision. Responsible adult must have physical access to child within 60 seconds | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| 7 years | Direct Supervision* | NO | NO | With immediate access + (visual sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision. Responsible adult must have physical access to child within 60 seconds | May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop with a buddy. | NO | NO | NO |
| 8-9 years | Direct Supervision* | NO | NO | With ready access ++ to an adult in the immediate area in case of an emergency. Sponsor/ parent knows location and activity of the child. | May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop with a buddy. | NO | NO | NO |
| 10 years | Indirect Supervision** | YES < 1hr | NO | With ready access ++ to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check in with sponsor, parent or caregiver hourly. | May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop. | YES < 10 Min. Keys MUST be removed and parking brake applied. | NO | NO |
| 11 years | Indirect Supervision** (Recommended CYS Home Alone Training) | YES < 3hrs | NO | With ready access ++ to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check in with sponsor, parent or caregiver hourly. | May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop. | YES < 10 Min. Keys MUST be removed and parking brake applied. | YES Siblings 6 years and older for up to 1 hour | NO |
| 12-13 years | Indirect Supervision** | YES < 6hrs with ready access ++ to adult supervision and intermittent contact with an adult | NO | With ready access ++ to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check in person or by phone every 2 hours. Parent must know child's location and activity and respond to the child within 1 hour. | May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop. | YES | YES < 6 hours during daylight hours | YES Limit < 6 hours. Not overnight Babysitter Course Required. |
| 14-16 years | Indirect Supervision** | YES < 9hrs with ready access ++ to adult supervision. | NO | With ready access ++ to adult supervision by phone or a designated caregiver within 2 hours. Contact must be made every 3 hours. | May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop. | YES | YES | YES Limit < 9hrs. Not overnight Babysitter Course Required. |
| 17-18 years | Indirect Supervision** | YES < 2 consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision. | YES Indirect Supervision | At Sponsor's discretion. | unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop. | YES | YES | YES Babysitter course required. |

* Direct Supervision – Having a parent or designated caregiver physically present with child or within immediate distance and available to respond to the child's needs.

** Indirect Supervision – Parent or designated caregiver is not in the same room, area or unable to hear or see child directly but still able to monitor the child's safety.

+ Immediate access – parent or caregiver is within physical eyesight, e.g. at the playground, ark, etc. in hearing distance and able to respond in 60 seconds

++ Ready access – at a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each designated adult supervisor, e.g. a parent, guardian, babysitter, care provider, or friend, etc. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to the child in crisis.

Sponsors are responsible for their children and their actions as long as Family Member status is maintained.