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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy #27, Standards of Child Supervision

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense Instruction 6060.02, Child Developmental Programs (CDPs), (5 Aug 14 (Incorporating Change 2, 1 Sep 20).
- b. Army Regulation 608-1, Army Community Service, (19 Oct 17).
- c. Army Regulation 608-10, Child Development Services, (11 May 17).
- d. IMCOM CYS Regulation 608-10-1, (28 Feb 23).
- e. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, (30 Oct 2007 (*RAR 001, 13 Sep 11).
- f. Army Regulation 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 Jan 17).
- g. 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:

- (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 lost duty time due to child misconduct through appropriate 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 facts and circumstances of each incident. Each child is unique with different personalities, and 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, Emergency Placement Care Provider, Child Youth Services employees (whose duty responsibilities include the supervision of children), and babysitters 12 years or older.

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 9 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 (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 Babysitter Training Course.

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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.

g. USAG-H Residents and community members that observe children in Area III in conditions that are below the minimum acceptable supervisory standards should contact the Military Police: Camp Humphreys, call DSN 755-9917 or Commercial 0503-355-9917 (24 hours).

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

6. Point of Contact is 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.

Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity level are factors used to determining when children are ready to accomplish activities with little to no supervision.

Sponsors and Parents are responsible for making this decision. The following are the 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 to 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 sec.	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 to 9 years	Direct Supervision*	NO	NO	With ready access++ to an adult in the immediate area in case of emergency. Sponsor/ parent knows location and activity of child.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop with a buddy.	NO	NO	NO
10 years	Indirect Supervision** (Recommended CYS Home Alone Training)	YES <1hr	NO	With ready access to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on child or has child check in with sponsor, parent or caregiver hourly. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to child in crisis.	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/parent checks on child or has child check in with sponsor/parent or caregiver hourly. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to child in crisis.	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 access ++ to adult supervision. Sponsor/ Parent checks on child or has the child check in person or by phone every 2 hrs. Parent must know child's location and activity and respond to child in crisis within 30 minutes.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES	YES <6hrs during daylight hours	YES Limit <6hrs. Not overnight. Babysitters course required
14-15 years	Indirect Supervision**	Yes <9 hrs with ready access to adult supervision	NO	With ready access to adult supervision by phone or a designated caregiverfr within 2hrs. Contact must be made every 3 hrs.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES	YES	YES Limit <9hrs. Not overnight. Babysitters course required
16-18 years	Indirect Supervision**	Yes <2 consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision	Yes <2 consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision	At Sponsor's discretion	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES	YES	YES Babysitters 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 need.

**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, dark, etc. and within hearing distance and able to respond in 60 seconds.

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

Requirements for DoDEA may differ if you have questions please reach out to Humphreys Transportation Office.