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**UNITED STATES ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR

United States Army Garrison (USAG) Fort Jackson and Fort Jackson Tenant  
Organizations  
Commanders, Fort Jackson Partners in Excellence

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Policy Memorandum #1 – Juvenile Curfew  
and Supervision of Children

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 190-45 (Law Enforcement Reporting)
- b. AR 608-10 (Child Development Services)
- c. AR 608-18 (Army Family Advocacy Program)

2. Purpose: The safety and well-being of our Family members is a priority of this command. Parents are accountable for any violation of this policy and other incidents of misconduct perpetrated by juveniles/adolescents while they reside, work, or travel on Fort Jackson. In order to promote their health and welfare, this policy memorandum applies to the care and supervision of all Servicemember and Civilian parents/guardians and their children.

3. Definitions:

a. A parent/guardian is defined as the mother or father of a child related by: blood; marriage (step-parent); adoption; legal guardianship; person charged with parental rights, duties and responsibilities; or persons temporarily supervising juveniles (e.g., a guest in their quarters).

b. A juvenile/adolescent is defined as the unmarried child, whether biological child, adopted child, foster child, stepchild, or ward of a Servicemember or Civilian for whom treatment is authorized in a medical facility of the military services, who is under 18 years of age.

(1) On weekdays (Monday – Friday), juveniles 15 years of age and younger must be inside their home, or someone else's, home between 2100 – 0600 hours.

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Juveniles who are 16 to 18 years of age must be inside their home, or someone else's home, between 2200 – 0600 hours.

(2) On weekends and holidays, juveniles 15 years of age and younger must be inside their home, or someone else's home, between 2200 – 0600 hours. Juveniles who are 16 to 18 years of age must be inside their home or someone else's home, between 2400 – 0600 hours.

(3) Exceptions include when juveniles are returning from a community or school-organized function, returning from a Youth Services Program Event, performing official employment, or responding to an emergency situation.

c. A parent or adult guardian of a juvenile violates this policy memorandum if he or she knowingly permits, or by insufficient supervision allows the juvenile to violate paragraphs 3b(1) and 3b(2) above.

d. Violations of this policy should be reported to the Military Police (MPs) at (803) 751-3113. The MPs will detain the juvenile in violation, contact the parent(s) or guardian(s), and direct that they ensure the juvenile remains home during curfew hours. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached within 60 minutes, the officer on call will notify Family Advocacy at Moncrief Health Clinic to assume custody of the juvenile.

e. Sponsors of juveniles (to include the sponsor's spouse) found in violation of the juvenile curfew policy may be subject to one or more of the following sanctions:

(1) A verbal warning.

(2) Command notification.

(3) Letter of warning stating that future violations may result in more serious sanctions.

(4) Installation Bar Letter denying or restricting access to the installation and on-post privileges. An official report of the incident will be filed with the appropriate child welfare agencies. This could lead to action by law enforcement authorities.

#### 4. Supervision of Children:

a. Newborn through kindergarten-aged children should not be left unattended at any time. Children within this group require close supervision and must have immediate

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access to an adult supervisor. The person supervising must be able to respond to any emergency or threatening situation.

b. School-aged children (1st through 5th grade) may play in appropriately designated safe areas (playgrounds, parks, basketball courts, and similar locations). Youth in this age group may be permitted to play outside unattended as long as the parent, guardian, or responsible caregiver remains in the vicinity and can respond within five (5) minutes. Working parents should enroll their children in appropriately supervised programs, such as those offered by Child & Youth Services (CYS).

c. Juveniles (6th through 8th grade) may be left unattended during the daylight hours and into the early evening hours for a period not to exceed six (6) hours. Juveniles in this age-group that are routinely left unattended should take part in after school activities such as the Middle School's After School Program, a free service offered by CYS. Juveniles in this age group may also care for younger siblings during this period. All juveniles caring for younger siblings or other children should take a recognized babysitting course such as the one offered by Red Cross or CYS.

d. High School juveniles (9th and 10th grade) may be left unattended for a period not to exceed 12 hours. Juveniles in this group routinely left unattended should be encouraged to take part in after school activities at their school or those offered by the Middle School/Teen Programs. These teens may also care for siblings or other children during this period. All juveniles performing babysitting services should take a recognized babysitting course such as the one offered by Red Cross or CYS.

e. High School juveniles (11th and 12th grade) are usually considered appropriate caregivers for themselves during an overnight absence as long as the sponsor or other designated adult is within the local area (50 miles). These teens may also care for younger children during daylight and evening hours. All juveniles performing babysitting services should take a recognized babysitting course such as the one offered by Red Cross or CYS.

f. During the summer months, children are considered to be in the grade they have just completed and are not considered to be in the next grade until they actually start that grade.

g. These limits should be a minimum basic standard and not parents' sole determining factor as to their child's/youth's ability to remain alone safely. These limits should not be used in lieu of parental common sense and good judgment in providing for the safety of a child. The grades specified are intended to reflect a child's/youth's

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increasing ability to take responsibility in his or her life and for the lives of others. Unattended youth and those caring for younger children must have the following information readily at hand:

(1) His or her name, address and telephone number. Any unattended child must have access to and know how to use a telephone.

(2) The caregiver or parent/guardian's name, location and telephone number.

(3) Knowledge of what to do in case of any emergency situation.

h. Children identified as having special needs in accordance with AR 608-75 must have their disability considered as a primary factor if being left alone. Grade should be a secondary factor in those circumstances.

i. Special Provisions:

(1) Immediate access is defined as within eyesight and hearing distance and ability to respond within 30 seconds.

(2) In the vicinity is defined as being in the residence or otherwise available within five (5) minutes.

(3) Elementary school children (1st grade and up) may walk to and from school and other youth activities by themselves or in groups on a pre-arranged route and with their parent's permission. Parents must carefully evaluate their particular child's maturity, the particular route(s) he or she will use, and the hazards involved in this situation.

j. Any person having knowledge of children left unattended on Fort Jackson outside these guidelines should immediately notify the MPs.

5. Any violations of this policy may result in child neglect reports or the detention of juvenile(s) by the MPs. The MPs will take action contingent upon the degree of danger to the child. If the parent cannot be contacted within 60 minutes, the MPs will contact Family Advocacy at Moncrief Health Clinic.

6. The Army and the local Civilian community offer a wide range of childcare services and youth activities to help parents provide safe, enriching environments when parents

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are unavailable. For more information about such services, you may call (803) 751-4865.

7. The Garrison Commander is the approving authority for exceptions to this policy. A parent or guardian desiring an exception to policy should submit their request in writing describing in detail their circumstances and why they feel that an exception to policy is warranted. All requests for an exception to policy must be staffed through the Directorate of Emergency Services for submission to the Garrison Commander.

8. Proponent: Provost Marshal, Directorate of Emergency Services, (803) 751-5437.

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## Enclosure

### Child Supervision Matrix

1. Parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community.
2. 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.
3. The following are minimum community standards as referred to in the Fort Jackson Policy Memorandum for Juvenile Curfew and Supervision of Children. Parents are still required to assess their child and, if necessary, raise the age limits.
4. During the summer months, children are considered to be in the grade they have just completed and are not considered to be in the next grade until they actually start that grade.

Age of Child	Left Home Alone	Left Alone Overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Left In Car Unattended	Child Sit for Siblings	Child Sit for Other Children
Newborn through Kindergarten	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
1st through 5th grade	NO	NO	YES: Under the watchful eye of a responsible caregiver and when sponsor knows location of child	NO	NO	NO
Junior High/Middle School: 6th through 8th grade	YES: With access to adult supervision; Limit – 6 hours	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision and when sponsor knows juvenile's location	YES: With keys removed and emergency brake applied	YES: Limit – 4 hours	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight
High School: 9th and 10th grade	YES	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision and when sponsor knows juvenile's location	YES	YES	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight
High School: 11th and 12th grade	YES	YES: With sponsor in local area and access to adult supervision	YES: With access to adult supervision and when sponsor knows juvenile's location	YES	Yes: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight	YES: During daylight and evening hours; but not overnight