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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort George G. Meade (FGGM) Policy Memorandum #43, Parental Responsibilities and Supervision of Children and Youth

1. References:

- a. Annotated Maryland Code, Family Law, §5-801
- b. Annotated Maryland Code, Criminal Law, §3-204
- c. Article 134, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ)
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, Rapid Action Revision, 13 Sep 11
- e. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 11 May 17
- f. AR 608-75, The Exceptional Family Member Program, 27 Jan 17

2. Purpose: This policy outlines the requirements for the supervision and safety of children on FGGM, implementing the above references. Children are our most valuable asset and the following rules are put in place to keep them safe. This policy memorandum will outline such guidance in order to:

- a. Protect the safety of children and young teens by ensuring they are not unsupervised on an ongoing basis.
- b. Safeguard others from risks associated with unsupervised children and young teens in housing and common areas.
- c. Minimize installation property damage that can occur when school age children and young teens are unsupervised.
- d. Reduce the loss of duty time for a Soldier, Civilian or Family member due to child and youth misconduct that can result from lack of supervision.

3. Policy and Procedures:

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a. FGGM residents will comply with the applicable laws of the State of Maryland. In general, Maryland law states that no one may leave a child under 8 years of age unattended, or without responsible supervision by another person, 13 years or older. A violation of this law is a misdemeanor and may be punishable by a \$500 fine and 30 days confinement.

b. Some children require greater supervision than others. Parents must decide when their children are ready to be alone, or to supervise younger children, and for how long. A child may not be ready to be alone at 8 years of age, or to supervise a younger child at 13 years of age. No matter the age of the minor children, the parents must ensure that the child receives adequate supervision while on FGGM.


c. AR 608-10 requires individuals who provide child care in their government quarters for more than 10 child care hours per week on a regular basis to become certified Family Child Care (FCC) providers. Questions regarding FCC certification may be addressed to the installation Child and Youth Services FCC Office, (301) 677-1160.

d. Under both Maryland and military law, it is a crime to neglect or otherwise endanger the physical, mental or emotional welfare of another person, including a child. Child endangerment is punishable by a dishonorable discharge and up to five years confinement, or more if a child is seriously harmed. While on FGGM, no one may place any person, especially a child, in a situation which threatens that person's welfare, either intentionally, or through neglect.

4. Parents must exercise sound care when entrusting their child to another person. Babysitters and care providers should be selected carefully, ensuring that the babysitter or care provider is mature and experienced enough to adequately supervise a child.

5. Violations of this policy should be reported to Directorate of Emergency Services, (301) 677-6222/6623.

6. Point of contact for this policy memorandum is Celena Flowers, Family Advocacy Program Manager at (301) 677-4118/4357.


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