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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Rucker Child Supervision Policy

1. Reference. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18 (The Army Family Advocacy Program).
2. Purpose. This policy imposes requirements for the supervision of children.
3. Discussion.
 - a. AR 608-18 defines "lack of supervision" as a type of child neglect characterized by the absence or inattention of the parent, guardian, foster parent, or other caregiver that results in injury to the child, in the child being unable to care for himself or herself, or in injury or serious threat of injury to another person because the child's behavior was not properly monitored.
 - b. Sponsors or designated care providers who leave children unattended in violation of this policy may be investigated under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and applicable state and federal laws by the installation police, Criminal Investigation Division, and Family Advocacy Program Treatment Services.
 - c. The Child Supervision Matrix is provided as guidance.
4. The point of contact for this guidance is Ms. Leticia Trimble-Smith, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 334-255-3246 and leticia.j.trimblesmith2.civ@mail.mil.
5. This memorandum supersedes GC Policy Memo 21-39, dated 22 February 2021, and will remain in effect until changed or formally rescinded.


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USAG FORT RUCKER CHILD SUPERVISION MATRIX

Age of Child	Required Supervision	Left Alone in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Newborn - 5 years old Kindergarten	Requires close supervision at all times	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
6-7 years old (1 st - 2 nd Grades)	Direct Supervision Required. Children begin to explore their environment under supervision	NO	NO	YES With immediate access (visual sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision or a baby-sitter who is at least 13 years old. Supervision must be provided so that the supervisor can intervene immediately. Must be accompanied to and from school or school bus stop. May not be left unattended at public facilities (CYSS activities, recreational areas)	NO	NO	NO
8-9 years old (3 rd - 4 th Grades)	Direct Supervision required. Children begin to explore their environment under supervision	NO	NO	YES With ready access to an adult supervisor who is in the immediate area in case of an emergency and the parent knowing the location of the child. Must be accompanied to and from school or school bus stop. May not be left unattended at public facilities (CYSS activities, recreational areas)	NO	NO	NO
10-11 years old (5 th - 6 th Grades)	Indirect Supervision required This is a transitional time and children are accepting more responsibility; however they continue to require indirect supervision. Parents know child's location and activities. Emergency contact available.	NO	NO	YES With ready access to an adult supervisor who is in the immediate area in case of an emergency and the parent knowing the location of the child. Parent or supervisor makes regular checks on the child. Child may walk or ride bike to and from school without incident.	NO	NO	NO
12-13 years old (7 th - 8 th Grades)	Indirect Supervision required Children are approaching the adolescent years when there is need for increased responsibility. The amount of responsibility should be carefully evaluated.	YES For up to 4 hours with ready access to adult supervision and intermittent contact with a supervisor. +Home Alone Self-Care Training required for 12 year olds.	NO	YES With access to adult supervision. Parent checks on the child or has the child check in at parent's or caregiver's location hourly.	YES	YES 13 years old may baby sit siblings up to 4 hours during daylight hours with ready access to adult supervision. +Babysitter course recommended	YES 13 year olds may baby sit 4 hours with ready access to adult supervision. Not overnight. +Babysitter Course is required
14-16 years old (9 th - 11 th Grades)	Children continue to need to know how to access parents and guidance for emergency situations. Parents are responsible for their children and their actions.	YES No longer than 9 hours with ready access to adult supervision. At least minimum of telephonic contact during the time alone.	NO	YES With access to adult supervision. Parent must know the location and activities of the youth.	YES	YES	YES May sit up to 9 hours. Not overnight. +Babysitter Course is required
17-18 years old (12 th Grade)	Parents are responsible for their children and their actions as long as Family member status is maintained.	YES	YES No more than two consecutive overnight periods with access to A competent adult must be available for emergencies and must have a medical power of attorney for the youth. for more than two nights	YES	YES	YES	YES +Babysitter Course is required

+Parents desiring assistance in identifying child care and supervision options or home alone and babysitter courses may contact the Child, Youth & School Services Parent Central Services Offices at 255-9638.