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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Garrison Okinawa Personnel

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison Okinawa Child and Adolescent Supervision Policy

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-10, (Child Development Services).
- b. AR 608-18, (The Army Family Advocacy Program).
- c. Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 6400.01, (Family Advocacy Program (FAP)).
- d. DoD Instruction 6060.02, (Child Development Programs (CDPS)).

2. PURPOSE: This policy establishes requirements for supervision and safety of children throughout the U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Okinawa Communities. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the supervision of children, youth and adolescents from birth to 18 years of age to ensure a safe and healthy environment.

a. The Command has a legitimate interest in minimizing dangerous situations for children and adolescents. Children and adolescents who are observed to be unattended or unsupervised within USAG Okinawa need to be referred to the Military Police or other appropriate Department of Defense Security Forces (DoD Security) as the designated Report Point of Contact, accessible to the community on a 24-hour-a-day basis.

b. Parents and legal guardians should assess their children and adolescents maturity levels and if necessary, raise the minimum age limits outlined in this policy. Children/youth who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all Service Members, DoD Civilians, contractors, and their dependents visiting or operating within USAG Okinawa. Although this policy memorandum is not punitive in nature, violations of the duties to provide care and safe environments for children and adolescents may constitute child neglect and potentially violate provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and host Nation Law.

4. POLICY:

a. All Army personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance to each respective military installation policy regarding child and youth supervision and curfew guidelines if residing on-post; and if residing off-post ensure compliance with Okinawa Prefecture law.

b. Guidelines for supervision of children birth to 12 years of age on USAG Okinawa.

(1) Children, birth to 12 years of age, will be accompanied and under direct supervision of a responsible caretaker and NOT left unattended at any time. Children will not be left unattended in a motor vehicle at any time. The child must be within arm's length and/or direct line of sight of the parent or responsible designated caregiver. This includes all facilities on USAG Okinawa, including Torii Beach.

(2) Responsible designated caregiver is defined as: A parent, legal guardian, responsible planned designated adult caregiver or other Command-sanctioned program personnel.

c. Guidelines for supervision of youths 13 to 15 years of age on Torii Station.

(1) Youths between the ages of 13 to 15 years of age must have immediate access to a parent, legal guardian, responsible designated caregiver or other Command-sanctioned program personnel at all times. Youths may be left unattended in a motor vehicle if keys are removed from ignition or with a licensed adolescent. Youths will not be left unattended or unsupervised on post past curfew. No unattended or unsupervised overnight stays will be allowed on campgrounds or in cabins at any time.

(2) Immediate access is defined as: a parent, legal guardian, responsible designated caregiver or other Command-sanctioned program personnel are present within the same geographical vicinity not more than 100 feet away from the youth(s).

(3) Overnight is defined as: Between the hours of 2200 and 0530 the following day.

d. Guidelines for supervision of adolescents 16 to 18 years of age on USAG Okinawa.

(1) Adolescents between the ages of 16 to 18 years old may be left unattended on post until curfew with telephonic access to a parent, legal guardian or responsible designated adult caregiver. Adolescents may be left unattended in a motor vehicle. No unattended/unsupervised overnight stays will be allowed on campgrounds or cabins at any time.

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(2) Access to parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver supervision means: having the ability to contact (either electronically or by telephone) a verifiable, prearranged, responsible caregiver who can provide age-appropriate care in the absence of the parent or legal guardian. In the event of an emergency, this caregiver is able to contact the parent or legal guardian, and/or emergency services personnel.

(3) Curfew and Loitering: Applies to all persons under the age of 18 or 18-20 who are currently enrolled in High School, a secondary school, or receiving other compulsory education. Persons subject to curfew must be in quarters or with parent/designated caregiver during restriction times.

(a) On Base - Weekends 2400-0530 (Friday evening through Sunday morning).

(b) On Base - Weekdays 2200-0530 (Sunday night through Friday morning).

(c) Off Base - Within Okinawa Prefecture 2200-0500 (Sunday through Saturday).

(d) In the event adolescents are attending a Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA) schools or Command-sanctioned activity that concludes at or during curfew hours, a parent, legal guardian, responsible designated adult caregiver or other Command-sanctioned program personnel are responsible for ensuring adolescents are returned to appropriate installations or quarters.

e. Reports of unsupervised children or adolescents will be assessed for credibility by law enforcement personnel to determine necessary actions. Parents are responsible for adhering to additional posted policies throughout USAG Okinawa. Reports of unattended/unsupervised children or youth may be referred to the Family Advocacy Program for assessment.

5. This command policy supersedes USAG Okinawa Command Policy 608, 22 January 2019 and will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

6. The proponent for this policy is Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, USAG Okinawa at 315-652-4196.

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Torii Child and Youth Matrix



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# USAG Okinawa Child and Youth Supervision Matrix

The Command has a legitimate interest in minimizing dangerous situations for children and adolescents.  
**Parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of children and adolescents at all times.**



Category	Birth - 6 years of age	7 to 9 years of age	10 to 12 years of age	13 to 15 years of age	16 to 18 years of age
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Woodshop Auto Skills</b>	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times
<b>Library</b>	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	<b>Full Access</b>	<b>Full Access</b>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times  Access to Family Fitness Center	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times  Access to gymnasium, courts, fields and group exercise room	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times  Access to gymnasium, courts, fields and group exercise room	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times  Access to gymnasium, courts, fields and group exercise room	<b>Full Access</b>
<b>25m Pool</b>	Children NOT toilet trained or still in diapers must wear swim diapers. Must be under direct supervision at all times and within arm's reach	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times and within arm's reach	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	<b>Full Access</b>	<b>Full Access</b>
<b>Kiddie Pool</b>	Children NOT toilet trained or still in diapers must wear swim diapers. Must be under direct supervision at all times and within arm's reach	<b>MAY NOT USE</b>	<b>MAY NOT USE</b>	<b>MAY NOT USE</b>	<b>MAY NOT USE</b>
<b>Beach</b>	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	Must be accompanied by and under direct supervision at all times	<b>Full Access</b>	<b>Full Access</b>

**Exception to Matrix policy may only be made by: Garrison Commander or DFMWR representative**  
**Definitions:**

**Designated Caregiver:** A parent, legal guardian, designated adult caregiver 18 years+, and/or other Command-sanctioned program personnel.

**Direct Supervision:** The child must be within arm's length and/or direct line of sight of the parent or responsible designated caregiver.

**Immediate Access:** A parent, legal guardian, responsible designated adult (18 years+) caregiver or other Command-sanctioned program personnel are present within the same geographic vicinity and no more than 100 feet away from the youth(s).

**Full Access:** Youth has the ability to contact (either electronically or by telephone) a verifiable, prearranged, responsible caregiver (18 years+) who can provide age-appropriate care in the immediate absence of the parent or legal guardian. In the event of an emergency, the caregiver is able to contact the parent or legal guardian, and/or emergency services personnel.