



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON RHEINLAND-PFALZ
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MEMORANDUM FOR All Personnel Assigned or Attached to United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz (USAG RP) to include subordinate units.

SUBJECT: Child(ren) Removal Order Policy (Cmd Memo 2024-003)

1. References:

a. Army Regulation 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 13 September 2011

b. Joint Standard Operating Procedure (JSOP) for the Family Advocacy Program for the United States Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, 19 October 2022

2. Purpose. To provide protection to child(ren) abuse victim(s) and provide guidance on child(ren) removal order (CRO).

3. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all Personnel Assigned or Attached to USAG RP to include subordinate units.

4. Authority. Per AR 608-18, Chapter 3, Section IV, Para 3-21. The Garrison Commander (GC) is authorized to issue a CRO. The GC issues CROs based upon a balancing of interests. The greater the crisis and the need to protect, the greater the need to move quickly and to focus on the safety of the person(s) needing protection. As the crisis abates and long-term solutions are considered and put into effect, the need for a CRO diminishes. The CRO may be *ex parte* (issued after hearing only one side of the story) if there is an emergency where neither judicial authorization nor parental consent can be obtained, and removal from the home is necessary to avoid risk of imminent death, serious bodily harm, or serious mental or physical abuse.

5. Policy.

a. After notification from Law Enforcement and/or Medical Staff on base or through the Host Nation, the Family Advocacy Program-Clinical (FAP-C) Social Worker will conduct a safety assessment with the alleged victim(s), alleged offender(s), and other appropriate Family member(s). After the completion of those assessments, the FAP-C Social Worker will brief the FAP-C Chief on all pertinent information. The FAP-C Social Worker and the FAP-C Chief are responsible for assessing the risk of potential abuse.

b. If it's determined the child(ren) victim(s) should be removed from the home, but parental consent cannot be obtained, the FAP-C Chief will contact the Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM), who will notify the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), and the GC to inform them of the recommendation for removal and the reasons for the recommendation.

c. After consulting directly with SJA, if the GC concurs with the recommendation, the GC will issue a CRO (AR-608-18, Figure 3-2). The GC may consult with other Incident Determination Committee Members prior to issuing the CRO, but it is not a requirement.

d. The GC may also decide to issue a military no-contact order (see AR 608-18, Figure 3-3) to the alleged offender(s). Military no-contact orders are issued to ensure the safety and security of persons within the garrison or to protect other individuals from persons within the garrison.

e. If a CRO and/or military contact order is issued, the original is to be given to the individual who has been the custodian of the child(ren) and copies will be forwarded immediately to the provost marshal's office, social workers, and FAPM.

f. The preferred approach to removing a child is for the FAP-C Social Worker to engage the Family and determine where the child(ren) can safely stay on a temporary basis. Examples of reasonable accommodations for the child(ren) could include staying with a competent friend of the Family or someone from the sponsor's unit, or as a last resort, be placed in Emergency Placement Care (EPC). The GC has the final approval for the placement plan.

g. The FAPM will notify the EPC coordinator when the need for EPC is determined. The FAPM will contact the EPC coordinator when first alerted of the possible need for EPC placement; this will allow the coordinator to make preliminary arrangements. The EPC coordinator is responsible for placement and ensuring all necessary paperwork is completed for EPC Families.

h. Law Enforcement (LE) will notify the German Police of the involuntary child(ren) removal.

i. The FAPM will provide regular updates to the GC. FAPM and FAP-C will convene a meeting of the IDC members within 24 hours of the initial decision. The CRO will be reviewed every 10 days at a Child(ren) Removal Meeting, until the next scheduled Incident Determination Committee (IDC) convenes.

j. The FAPM will manage the Child Removal Order Phone Roster. The accuracy of the contact roster will be verified monthly at the IDC meeting.

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k. SJA will maintain and provide the FAPM a reliable legal contact number roster to ensure that the GC has access and is able to solicit legal advice at any time, for completion of required CRO legal reviews. The accuracy of the contact roster will be verified monthly at the IDC meeting.

2. Point of contact is the FAP Manager at DSN 314-541-9013.

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CRO Flowchart



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^{CUI} Child Removal Order Flowchart

