



REVISED

GUIDELINES FOR BABYSITTING

Children 13 years of age and older who demonstrate maturity and responsibility may care for younger children if they have attended the Babysitting Class for teens. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to ensure that siblings providing child care have been certified in infant/child CPR, Basic First Aid, and proper care giving techniques. All non-Family Child Care (FCC) providers must be certified. Child, Youth & School Services provides free training for babysitters.

- Children 13-14 years of age may care for younger siblings for a maximum of **three hours**, without direct supervision.
- Children 15-17 years of age may care for younger children for up to **eight hours**, without direct supervision.
- Children will not be supervised by anyone under 18 years of age for more than eight hours overnight.



IT'S NOT JUST THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT(S) TO SAFEGUARD THEIR CHILDREN; IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE ON THE MILITARY INSTALLATION TO BE CAUTIOUS OF POTENTIAL SITUATIONS THAT CAN BE HARMFUL OR EVEN FATAL FOR MINORS.

HOME ALONE POLICY

FORT STEWART / HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD

GUIDELINES FOR CHILD SUPERVISION

- Children from **newborn through 8 years of age** will not be left home alone at any time to include playgrounds, outdoor play, and walking to and from school. (Age limits defined as Pre-K through 3rd grade)
- Children **9-12 years of age** may be left unattended in the quarters for a maximum of 2 hours during the day, and must not be caring for another child, and only if the child has access to an adult and demonstrates the ability to be responsible and mature.
- Children **13 years of age** may be left unattended in quarters for a maximum of three hours during the day if the child has access to an adult and demonstrates the ability to be responsible and mature.
- Children **14 years of age** may be left unattended for a maximum of **six hours** if the child has access to an adult and demonstrates the ability to be responsible and mature.
- Children **15-17 years of age** may be left unattended overnight if the parent/guardian is in the local area (no more than 1 hour away by car).

Children ages 9-17 must be provided a telephone number where the parent(s)/guardian(s) can be reached as well as telephone numbers for the police and fire department and the hospital. The name and telephone number of a designated adult who can immediately be available in the event of an emergency must be provided to the child as well.

GUIDELINES FOR VEHICLE:

Newborn-8 years of age cannot be left alone in a vehicle.

Ages 11- 14 can be alone in vehicle but only with direct supervision.

Ages 15 and older can be in vehicle unsupervised.

REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE TO:

Reporting Point of Contact (RPOC): 912-767-0025 (FS/HAAF)

GA Dept. Family & Children Services: 1-855-GACHILD/1-855-422-4453

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