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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the United States Army Garrison Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter #35, Safety and Usage Guidelines for Trampolines, Swimming Pools, Swings, and Tree Houses or Forts in Army Family Housing (AFH)

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 24 August 2012.
- b. Army in Europe Supplement to Army Regulation 420-1, Housing Management, 20 November 2008.
- c. Department of Army Pamphlet 420-1-1, Facilities Engineering, Housing Management, 2 April 2009.

2. Purpose. This policy establishes local standards and guidelines for trampolines, swimming pools, swing sets, slides, and any other forms of play equipment in the AFH areas.

3. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all personnel assigned to AFH, their Family members, and guests.

4. Policy. Installation of play equipment in AFH shall meet manufacturer guidelines and the requirements stated within this policy. Area, Section, and Building Coordinators are responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with this policy and to resolve any non-compliance at the lowest level. Violators of this policy are subject to appropriate administrative actions.

5. Trampolines. Trampolines require approval of the DPW Housing Division prior to installation, using the enclosed form. Installation shall be in a fenced backyard, on a flat/level surface, away from any potential safety hazards, and shall not create an adverse visual impact from the street or neighboring homes. A 10 foot clearance around the trampoline is required and includes (but not limited to) any structure, fence, shed, trees, shrubs, etc. Objects which may cause injury are not permitted on the trampoline.

- a. Residents shall follow the manufacturer's installation and safety guidelines. The top portion of all trampolines must be fully caged and encased in protective padding, to include the springs, and must have vertical safety netting attached to the outside perimeter.

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b. Trampolines may only be used during daylight and not during quiet hours or after 2000 hours. A responsible adult shall supervise when in use and a safety inspection is required prior to each use. Only one individual at a time may use the trampoline. When not in use, the trampoline will be secured and rendered NOT ACCESSIBLE.

c. Trampolines will be removed or made inoperable during residents' absences. Prior to vacating housing, residents will remove the trampoline. Residents will be held liable for any damages, including repair or re-seeding of the yard.

d. Complaints of unsupervised use, unsecured access or disruption to the tranquility of the neighborhood will, at a minimum, result in removal of the trampoline. Trampoline owners assume ALL liability for injuries or damages and are required to obtain liability insurance with specific coverage for trampoline use and provide proof to the Housing Division. USAG Wiesbaden shall not be responsible for injuries caused using a trampoline.

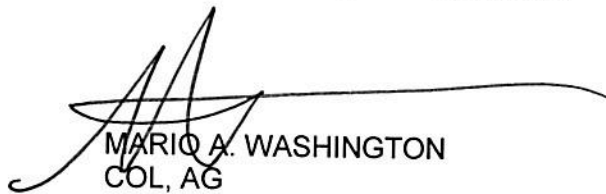
6. Swimming Pools. All swimming pools within AFH, other than small plastic wading pools are prohibited. Pool dimensions may NOT exceed 14 inches in height and 60 inches in diameter. Residents are required to empty and properly store pools when not in use. Pools shall not have a cover, plastic, or other material attached. When water is in the pool the sponsor or spouse will provide continuous supervision.

7. Swings, Swing Sets, and Slides. Installation of swing sets, slides and other forms of children's play equipment, excluding small, plastic individual style equipment are prohibited. Vehicle tires or other swings in trees, on porches, off balconies, etc. are prohibited.

8. Treehouses, Tree Forts, and Other Constructions. Installation of treehouses, tree forts and other constructed buildings, whether free standing or attached to a building or other object, are prohibited. Residents who have installed such items shall remove them at their expense and may be charged for damages.

9. Point of contact for this memorandum is the USAG Wiesbaden DPW Housing Chief at DSN 548-4402; civilian: 0611-143-548-4402; email donald.h.meyer.civ@mail.mil.

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Trampoline Request Form

I, _____, request permission to install a trampoline.

Date of request: _____ Housing Area & Address _____

Installation shall only be in a fenced backyard, on a flat/level surface, away from any potential safety hazards, and shall not create an adverse visual impact from the street or neighboring homes. A 10 foot clearance around the trampoline is required.

____ I will follow the manufacturer's installation and safety guidelines. The top portion of all trampolines will be fully caged and encased in protective padding, to include the springs, and will have vertical safety netting attached to the outside perimeter.

____ I or another adult will supervise when in use and will conduct a safety inspection prior to each use. Only one individual at a time will use the trampoline and, when not in use, the trampoline will be secured and rendered NOT ACCESSIBLE. No objects that may result in injury will be allowed on the trampoline and its use will be limited to daylight hours and not during quiet hours or after 2000 hours.

____ I will ensure the trampolines is removed or made inoperable during absences from the house. I will remove the trampoline prior to vacating the house and I understand I am responsible for any damages, including any repair to the yard/grounds.

____ I understand complaints of unsupervised use, unsecured access or disruption to the tranquility of the neighborhood or neighbors, or not following the requirements to have a trampoline, may result in removal of the trampoline or other administrative action.

____ I assume ALL liability for injuries or damages caused by using or having a trampoline. I understand and agree USAG Wiesbaden shall not be responsible for injury to any child or adult using a trampoline. I shall obtain liability insurance with specific coverage for trampoline use.

____ By initialing these statements and signing this agreement, I acknowledge I have read the USAG Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter 35, Safety and Usage Guidelines for Trampolines, Swimming Pools, Swings, and Treehouses or Tree Forts in Army Family Housing (AFH) and understand and agree to the guidelines in it and listed herein.

RESIDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

DPW HOUSING: Approve/Disapprove _____

Printed Name

Signature

Date