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SUPERVISION OF MINOR CHILDREN ON FORT CAMPBELL

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1. Purpose

To provide guidelines for supervision of children at Fort Campbell, KY.

2. References

- a. AR 608-18, Family Advocacy Program, October 2007
- b. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, July 1997
- c. Memorandum, HQ CFSC-CYSS, JULY 2000, subject: Out of School Child Supervision Requirements for Elementary and Middle School Children and Youth During Parental Duty Hours.
- d. Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6060.3, School-Age Care Programs Dec 1996.

3. Applicability

This policy applies to persons who enter Fort Campbell, all personnel assigned to Fort Campbell, United States Army Garrison – Fort Campbell, family members and tenant activities.

4. Background

- a. While realizing that safeguarding children is primarily a parental responsibility, DOD requires each installation to develop a child supervision policy that offers guidelines for parents and the community to achieve this task.
- b. DA offers guidelines for establishing this policy, including creation of an installation team to develop a local policy that best meets the needs of Fort Campbell.

5. Policy

- a. The Fort Campbell guidelines for the supervision of minor children are based on the child's age and grade in school. The attached Table 1 explains the level of supervision required for children and specifies the following:
 - (1) Children in the fourth grade and below require supervision at all times.
 - (2) Children in the fifth grade/11 years old are in a transitional year and may gradually begin to exercise self-care beginning with short periods of time (up to six hours) (10 years old in fifth grade up to 3 hours), provided the parent/guardian believes the fifth grader/11 year old is mature enough to exercise self-care. While exercising self-care for any length of time (up to six hours) during this transitional period, children are required to have ready access to an adult as set up by their parent/guardian prior to leaving the fifth grader/11 year old alone. Education by the parent/guardian on self-care and safety is highly recommended prior to leaving the fifth grader/11 year old alone

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for the first time, and then at regular intervals during the transitional period.

(3) Children in the sixth grade and above may be left home alone for UP TO 6 hours, with ready access to adult supervision; intermittent contact with a supervisor. Children in these grades may also baby-sit younger siblings. The completion of a babysitting course is highly recommended. Children must have ready access to adult supervision.

(4) Children 13 years and older may baby-sit children other than siblings. A babysitting course is required.

b. Table 2 provides conversions of ages to grades for home-schooled children.

c. Curfew for all dependents and guests under 18 years of age is 2400 hours during vacation periods, Friday and Saturday nights, and the nights proceeding school holidays, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult. Exception may be made for recognized functions of the school, Teen Club, emergencies, or for individuals with proof of employment that would require them being out of their quarters after curfew. During all other periods, all dependents and guests under 18 years of age will be in their quarters no later than 2300 hours.

6. Special Provisions

a. The provisions in this Policy Memorandum do not apply to children who, for whatever reason need closer supervision than is required by paragraphs 5a-c above. Parents whose children, for whatever reason, need closer supervision than paragraphs 5a-c of this Policy Memorandum requires, must take appropriate steps to ensure that their children are properly supervised.

b. Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program, as defined in AR 608-75, require special supervision. These guidelines are to be modified in accordance with their special needs.

c. Children who are in the care of a certified Family Child Care (FCC) provider, who has entered into a contract with the children's parents for such care, will be supervised by the FCC provider in accordance with guidelines set forth in AR 608-10, AR 608-18, and local procedures.

d. Violation of this policy will not result in a Military Police referral to the Department of Social Work Services/Family Advocacy Program unless the incident in question also violates applicable provision of Kentucky or Tennessee law.

7. Responsibilities

a. Military and DOD civilian sponsors are responsible at all times for the supervision, health, safety, and welfare of their family members and guests on the installation. Deliberate failure to provide for adequate and reasonable care of minor children may result in adverse consequences for the sponsor. These consequences may include, but are not limited to, criminal prosecution, civil liability, and/or termination of housing privileges on the installation.

b. Child and Youth Services (CYSS) will maintain a referral list of registered babysitters who are thirteen and older and who have completed the babysitting course.

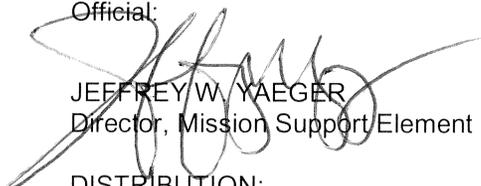
c. CYSS will maintain a resource list of activities both on and off the installation that are available options for supervision.

d. Every member of the Fort Campbell community is responsible for maintaining the highest possible safety standards. Each member should report information regarding known or suspected incidents of child abuse or child neglect. This is a matter of conscience and good faith and should be taken seriously. Reporting violations of regulation 608-3 should be directed to the Military Police at 798-7111/2/3.

8. Proponent. The proponent and point of contact for this regulation is the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, attn: IMSE-CAM-MWR.

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FORT CAMPBELL CHILD SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

Age or grade of child	Child Characteristics	May be left alone at home	May be left alone overnight	May be left outside unattended (playing)	May be left in a vehicle	May baby-sit siblings	May baby-sit others (besides siblings)
Newborn to age 4	Requires close supervision at all times.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Ages 5-9 years old	Children begin to explore their environment under supervision.	NO	NO	At playground (close to home) or with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision. Kindergartners may not walk to and from school or other supervised activities alone. 1st through 5th graders may walk to and from school and other supervised activities alone.	NO	NO	NO
Age 10 years old continue to require supervision	This is a transitional time for these children. They are accepting more responsibility; require intermittent supervision.	For UP to 3 hours. Must have access to indirect supervision (neighbor, checking with parent by phone)	NO	YES, with ready access to adult supervision.	Not more than 15 minutes and the keys MUST be removed.	NO	NO
Ages 11-13 years old continue to need intermittent contact with adult supervisor	Children are approaching the adolescent years when there is need for increased responsibility. The amount of responsibility should be carefully evaluated.	For UP TO 6 hours, with ready access to adult supervision; intermittent contact with a supervisor.	NO	YES	YES	YES; babysitting course is highly recommended.	6th graders may NOT. 7th graders who have reached their birthday may. Babysitting course is required.
Ages 14-15 years old Parents are responsible for their children and their actions	Children continue to need to know how to access parents and guidance for emergency situations.	YES; parents are responsible for their children and their actions.	NO	YES	YES	YES; babysitting course is highly recommended.	YES - babysitting course is required
Ages 16-18 years old	Parents responsible for their children and their actions as long as family member status is maintained.	YES	YES - indirect supervision required *See below	YES	YES	YES; babysitting course is highly recommended.	YES - babysitting course is required

* - Indirect supervision plans include mandated checking in with a neighbor, emergency phone numbers of parents and emergency medical power of attorney.

CONVERSION FROM AGE TO GRADE FOR HOME SCHOOLED CHILDREN

AGE	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17/18
GRADE	Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th

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