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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Supervision of Children and Adolescents (Garrison Policy #20)

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-10, Child Development Services, 15 July 1997.
- b. Memorandum, Headquarters, United States Army Community and Family Support Center, CYSC CYS, Subject: Out of School Child Supervision Requirements for Elementary and Middle School Children and Youth During Parental Duty Hours, 11 July 2000.
- c. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP) (RAR 001, 13 September 2011), 30 October 2007.
- d. Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 6400.1, Family Advocacy Program, 13 February 2015.

2. Purpose: This policy implements AR 608-18 and establishes requirements for supervision and safety of children throughout the Fort Wainwright (FWA) community. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the supervision of children 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 within FWA need to be referred to the Fort Wainwright Military Police (907-353-7535) as the designated report point of contact, accessible to the community on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Parents and legal guardians should assess their children and adolescents' maturity levels and, if necessary, raise the minimum age limits outlined in this policy.

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

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel residing and operating within FWA. Although this policy memorandum is not punitive in nature, violations of the duty 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 public law. Such violations may lead to disciplinary actions. Violations of this policy memorandum may also result in adverse administrative actions.

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4. Policies:

a. Guidelines for supervision of children birth to 6 years of ages.

(1) Children birth to 6 years of age will not be left unattended at any time, unless to walk to and from Arctic Light Elementary School (Kindergarten/1st grade). They must be under direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian, responsible designated caregiver or other Command sanctioned program personnel.

(2) Direct supervision means the child must be within the direct sight of the parent or responsible designated caregiver when outside of Family quarters. Children up to 7 years of age must never be left alone in a motor vehicle.

b. Guidelines for supervision of children 7 to 10 years of age.

(1) Children may be unattended outside within sight of the assigned Family quarters for up to one (1) hour at a time with periodic checks from the parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver; curfew is at 2000.

(2) Children may walk or ride a bicycle to or from Arctic Light or Ladd Elementary Schools, Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) facility, a friend's residence or other locations within the same immediate installation unattended.

(3) When in a vehicle, children age 7 to 10 years must be under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver age 13 years or older. The vehicle must be turned off, keys removed from the vehicle, and have the parking brake applied when children are in the care of a responsible designated caregiver without a valid driver's license.

c. Guidelines for supervision of children 11 to 12 years of age.

(1) Children may be left unattended in quarters and unsupervised outside with access to responsible designated caregiver supervision for up to 3 hours with periodic checks by the parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver; curfew is at 2200 on nights preceding a school day, otherwise curfew is at 2300. Children may walk or ride a bicycle to or from school /CYSS facilities or other locations unattended.

(2) Children may not babysit for siblings or others.

(3) Children may not be left unattended in a motor vehicle. The vehicle may not be in operation, the keys must be removed from the vehicle, and the handbrake applied.

d. Guidelines for supervision of adolescents 13 to 15 years of age.

(1) Adolescents may be left unattended in quarters and unsupervised outside, with access to responsible designated caregiver supervision for up to 6 hours; curfew is at 2200 on nights preceding a school day, otherwise curfew is at 2300. Adolescents may not be left unattended overnight.

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(2) Adolescents may babysit for siblings or others for up to six (6) hours and not overnight. The command strongly recommends completion of the CYSS Babysitter Certification training.

(3) Adolescents may be left unattended in a motor vehicle that is not on.

e. Guidelines for supervision of adolescents 16 to 18 years of age.

(1) Within a single 24-hour period, adolescents may be unattended and in quarters overnight or babysit for siblings or others overnight with access to a parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver. The command strongly recommends completion of the CYSS Services Babysitter Certification training.

(2) If adolescents will be unattended overnight, the parent or legal guardian must notify the military police at 907-353-7535 and another responsible adult (must be provided a power of attorney) of their intended overnight absence from the home.

(3) Adolescents may be unattended outside (2200 curfew on nights preceding a school day, otherwise 2300 curfew) and in a motor vehicle in operation if licensed; vehicle not in operation if unlicensed.

f. Guidelines and Definitions:

(1) Responsible designated caregiver: A parent or legal guardian, prearranged babysitter or sibling age 13 years or older; CYSS or command sanctioned program personnel.

(2) Access to parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver supervision: Having the ability to contact 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) Babysitter: Responsible designated caregiver who must be at least 13 years of age or older whose care is prearranged by the parent or legal guardian. Completion of the CYSS Babysitters course is strongly recommended. A list of CYSS certified babysitters is maintained by Parent Central Services. All babysitters referred by CYSS must first successfully complete the CYSS Babysitters course.

(4) Overnight: Between the hours of 2300 and 0500 the following day.

g. Curfew and Loitering. Adolescents who have not graduated from high school or reached age 18, whichever is earlier, are not permitted outside the Family quarters without a parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver between the hours 2200 and 0500 on nights preceding a school day, or 2300 through 0500 otherwise. In the event adolescents are attending a school or command sanctioned activity that concludes at or during curfew hours, they will be authorized 30 minutes to return to the assigned Family quarters.

5. Parents are responsible for using reasonable judgment for any incident or mishap, considered preventable, which occurs.

6. Reports of unsupervised children or adolescents will be assessed for credibility by the Family Advocacy Program and law enforcement personnel to determine necessary actions.

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7. This policy supersedes Garrison Policy #20 dated 13 November 2015.
8. The proponent for this policy is Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Army Community Service, Family Advocacy Program, Fort Wainwright, (907) 353-7317.

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| Category | Birth to 6 years of age | 7 to 10 years of age | 11 to 12 years of age | 13 to 15 years of age | 16 to 18 years of age |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Walk on post without Designated caregiver | No <i>*Kinders: to & from School only</i> | Yes <i>(to a designated site)</i> | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Unattended in a non- operational vehicle | No | Yes <i>When in a vehicle, children must be under the supervision of a parent, legal guardian or responsible designated caregiver</i> | Yes <i>(Keys must not be in the car and the car must be turned off)</i> | Yes <i>(The car must not be on)</i> | Yes |
| Unattended in Quarters with Access to Adult | No | No | Yes <i>(for up to 3 hours and NOT overnight)</i> | Yes <i>(For up to 6 hours and NOT overnight)</i> | Yes <i>(Overnight requires adult in immediate area with Power of Attorney & Military Police are notified by parents)</i> |
| Unattended outside | No | Yes <i>(for up to 1 hour within sight of assigned family quarters; periodic checks by designated caregiver; 2000 curfew)</i> | Yes <i>(for up to 4 hours with periodic checks by designated caregiver; 2200 curfew on nights preceding a school day; other days 2300 curfew)</i> | Yes <i>(for up to 6 hours with periodic checks by designated caregiver; 2200 curfew on nights preceding a school day; other days 2300 curfew)</i> | Yes <i>(2200 curfew on nights preceding a school day; other days 2300 curfew)</i> |
| Babysitting | No | No | No | Yes <i>(CYS Services Baby Sitters Certification strongly recommended)</i> | Yes <i>(CYS Services Baby Sitters Certification strongly recommended)</i> |

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