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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR Child-Supervision Policy

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. References:

a. Memorandum, Headquarters, United States Army Community and Family Support Center, CFSC-CYS, 11 July 2000, subject: Out of School Child Supervision Requirements for Elementary and Middle School Children and Youth During Parental Duty Hours.

b. Memorandum, HQ USAREUR/7A, AEAGA-GY, 25 September 2000, subject: Letter of Instruction for USAREUR Babysitting Training and Referral Service Procedures.

2. This memorandum provides—

a. USAREUR child-supervision policy and guidance on implementing this policy.

b. Information on parental responsibilities and child-supervision options to help parents safeguard their children.

3. The USAREUR child-supervision policy is consistent with AR 608-18 and DA Child and Youth Services (CYS) policy. This policy applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to USAREUR-supported personnel who are parents or legal guardians of children who—

a. Live with them in a military housing area or in a home in the local community.

b. Have not yet graduated from high school.

4. For the purpose of this policy, USAREUR personnel include active-duty soldiers, DOD civilians (including employees of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS)), and contractors.

5. The USAREUR child-supervision policy is based on a child's grade in school, not the child's age. Table 1 of the enclosure explains the level of adult supervision required for children in different grades. In all cases, parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children, especially if the children have special needs, before deciding on appropriate supervision options. Table 2 provides conversions from age to grade for home-schooled children. During summer, children are considered to be in the grade they have just completed.

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a. Children in the fifth grade and below require adult supervision at all times. Incidents of unsupervised children should be reported to the installation Family Advocacy Program (FAP) report point of contact (RPOC), who will ensure that the incident is investigated. The FAP RPOC will forward cases of unsupervised children to the base support battalion commander for resolution if appropriate.

b. Children in the sixth grade and above may be left alone and may babysit siblings if they have ready access to adult supervision.

c. Children in the seventh grade and above may babysit children other than siblings.

6. Subordinate commanders may supplement the policy in this memorandum with local guidance (for example, curfews, juvenile-review-board operations). Local guidance, however, will not be less restrictive than this policy. Commanders may also ask personnel with children to acknowledge their parental-supervision responsibilities during inprocessing by having them sign a form indicating that they have received and read a copy of the policy or have attended a briefing where the policy was distributed.

7. Table 3 of the enclosure lists child-supervision criteria and options for parents. Parents should assess their children's capabilities before selecting a child-supervision option. Parents who need help identifying an option that meets their requirements should be referred to the CYS resource and referral office.

8. The policy in this memorandum is effective as of 15 June 2001 and will be published in a permanent USAREUR publication before this memorandum expires.

9. The POCs are Ms. Campbell, 370-8634, and Ms. Skidmore, 370-8916.

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Table 1**USAREUR Child-Supervision Guidelines**

Age or Grade of Child	May Be Left Alone at Home	May Be Left Alone Overnight	May Be Left Outside Unattended (including playing)	May Be Left Unattended in a Car	May Babysit Siblings	May Babysit Others (besides siblings)
Newborn through age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No
Kindergarten through grade 5	No	No	In a playground or yard with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision (note 1). Kindergarteners 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
Grade 6	For up to 3 hours, not overnight, with ready access (telephone number) to adult supervision (notes 1 and 2).	No	For up to 3 hours with ready access to adult supervision (note 1).	For up to 15 minutes with the keys removed and the handbrake applied.	For up to 3 hours and with ready access to an adult (notes 2 and 3).	No
Grades 7 through 9	For up to 6 hours and not overnight.	No	For up to 6 hours.	For up to 15 minutes with the keys removed and the handbrake applied.	For up to 6 hours (note 3).	Yes (note 3)
Grades 10 through 12	Yes	May be left alone for up to 3 consecutive days, but a neighbor or friend must check on them twice a day. Minors will have telephone access to a neighbor in case of emergency, and must know where at least one parent is.	Yes	Yes	Yes (note 3)	Yes (note 3)

NOTES:

1. Adult supervision is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child (for example, a parent, guardian, care provider, friend).
2. Home-alone training by Child and Youth Services (CYS) or other source is required.
3. Red Cross babysitting training strongly recommended.

Table 2							
Conversion From Age to Grade (for Home-Schooled Children)							
Age	4 ³ / ₄ - 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Grade	Kindergarten	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th
Age	12	13	14	15	16	17-18	
Grade	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	

Table 3			
USAREUR Child-Supervision Criteria			
Supervision Level	Definition	School Grade/Age Range	Supervision Options
Direct	Someone has responsibility for the child (for example, parent, guardian, care provider, friend).	Elementary school (kindergarten through grade 5); generally 5 to 10 years old.	<p>CYS-sponsored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-age services (SAS) • Child development center (CDC) • Family child care <p>Community resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-home babysitter • Nanny • Schools • Host-nation CDC and SAS programs • Other host-nation programs
Monitored	An adult is aware of child's location and activities. An emergency contact is available at all times.	Grades 6 through 9; generally 11 to 14 years old.	<p>CYS-sponsored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAS and middle school programs • Neighborhood Activity Homes • Team sports • Instructional classes • Clubs and volunteer activities <p>Community resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated adult • Schools • Churches • Scouts • Youth centers • Host-nation programs
Monitored self-care	Parents have assessed their child's ability and allowed the child to monitor him- or herself.		