



KMC Back to School & Child Safety Update

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Bus Safety

- **DO:**

Wait on the same side of the street as the bus stop.

Go to your child at the bus stop.

- **DO NOT:**

Wait in a parked car.

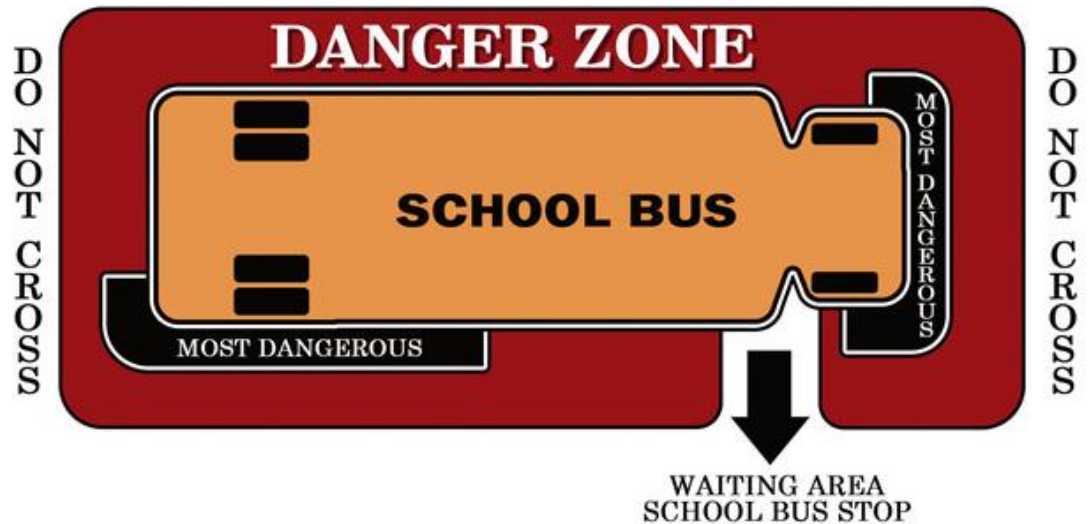
Wait in a building.

Allow your child to come to you.

- **BOTTOM LINE:**

When you meet your child at the bus stop, take charge of the situation. You are the adult.

Educate your child on the danger zones as shown on the picture below.



Remember that traffic in Europe does not stop for loading and unloading of school buses.



KMC Child Supervision Policy Matrix

This matrix provides standards for the supervision of children within the KMC. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children, and failure to exercise those parental responsibilities may constitute child neglect. Parents must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision required. Children with a history of ADHD, ADD, Developmental Delay, behavior problems, impulsivity, psychiatric problems or other impairments should not be given the degree of self-management/responsibility indicated in this policy.

PARENTS ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR CHILDREN.

| Age of Child | Unattended ¹ in yard or playground? | Walk unattended ¹ to school or bus? | Left unattended ¹ in quarters? | Baby-sit others? |
|--------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| Under 5 | No | No | No (Will NOT be left unattended in a parked car - per RABI 2005 31-204 CHP 4.1.21) | No |
| Age 5 - 6 | No | No | No (Will NOT be left unattended in a parked car - per RABI 2005 31-204 CHP 4.1.21) | No |
| Age 7 - 9 | Yes. During daylight hours with access to adult. | Yes, but not across busy streets or more than 1 mile. | No (Will NOT be left unattended in a parked car - per RABI 2005 31-204 CHP 4.1.21) | No |
| Age 10 - 11 | Yes. With access to an adult. | Yes | Yes ² . Up to 3 hours with access to an adult. | No |
| Age 12 - 13 | Yes | Yes | Yes ² . Not over night. | Yes. Not over night. |
| Age 14 - 15 | Yes | Yes | Yes ² . Not to exceed 24 hours. | Yes. Not over night. |
| Age 16 - 17 | Yes | Yes | Yes ² . Not to exceed 3 consecutive days. Must have periodic checks by adult. | Yes. Not to exceed 24 hours. |

Matrix can be found at www.ramstein.af.mil/livewire.asp

¹ A child is considered to be "attended" when in the presence of, or under the protection of (within sight or hearing), an appropriate caregiver. Completion of Red Cross Baby-sitting class and Infant/Child CPR is strongly recommended for every teen before caring for other children.

² When left unattended in quarters, children must have access to an adult – parent's phone number, neighbor, etc. Parents must designate a responsible adult to periodically check in on the children. If left overnight, a medical power of attorney is strongly recommended.



Child Safety Cases

- *There are two cases of child molestations and one case of an attempted child abduction in the KMC area. The victims are girls ages 5 to 7. There are enough similarities between the cases that investigators believe they may be connected.*
 - The first case on Ramstein was an alleged molestation that occurred Aug 2011. It was reported in Jan 2012. The suspect was described as a white male wearing a generic uniform.
 - The second case on Ramstein was an alleged abduction attempt that occurred Jan 2012. It was reported immediately. The suspect was described as a white male wearing a generic uniform.
 - The third case on Vogelweh was an alleged molestation that occurred April 2012. It was reported three weeks after the event occurred. The suspect was described as an English-speaking white male, mid 20s with blue eyes, a brown military haircut wearing ACUs, a tan/green shirt and tan combat boots.
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Details From 9 August Report

- **A mother reported a stranger appeared to be engaging with her daughters, ages 3 and 5 in the Vogelweh Housing Area**
 - **When the mother walked towards her children, the stranger departed; mother reported suspicious incident to Security Forces immediately**
 - **Security Forces Response**
 - **Vogelweh housing area locked down for approximately 30 mins.**
 - **Security Forces initiated "stop, check and pass" on outbound traffic**
 - **Security Forces conducted a sweep of the entire base**
 - **Person of interest is described as:**
 - **White male, medium build, with a short haircut**
 - **Investigators found no information which would indicate the stranger was attempting to abduct or molest the girls**
 - **Cannot link this with previous cases and pursuing all leads**
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Other Reports

- **30 May - An 11-year-old boy reported an abduction attempt Wednesday evening around 4:30 p.m. on Vogelweh**
 - **2 June – Between 4 and 4:30 p.m, a military dependent residing on Vogelweh reported that an unknown man came to her door and stated he was sent by her father to check on her well being. The dependent did not open the door, was not harmed and reported the incident to her father and law enforcement officials**
 - **8 June - At approximately 3 p.m. three teenage children were walking through the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center when they were addressed by an unknown man whose behavior they perceived as strange. The children reported the matter to their parents who contacted law enforcement**
 - **Any and all additional reports are thoroughly investigated. Most are quickly eliminated & some, like those above, have been found not to be related to the validated cases**
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Child Safety Projects / Initiatives

- **Previous town halls identified 14 action items. As previously reported, all have been closed. Key projects**
 - **Installed basement door card-key locks in approximately 50 stairwell buildings throughout the KMC, an \$80K project.**
 - **Approved \$20K purchase of cameras to be used within the KMC.**
 - **The 86 SFS & 569 USFPS have built an information campaign to promote child safety and provide the tools for volunteers to implement neighborhood watch programs. SF continues to have biweekly radio spots and disseminate emergency numbers, child escort information, tips on how and what to report with key info to gather, how to organize block watches along with SFS/USFPS phone numbers to get subject matter expert assistance.**
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School Safety & Security Measures

- **Most perimeter gates at the elementary/intermediate schools will be closed and locked, with a minimum number left open for parent access.**
 - **All elementary schools will close and lock all external doors and control entry via 100% ID card checks and/or personal recognition.**
 - **All visitors, no matter how often they visit the school, must sign into the office and wear a badge that identifies them as a visitor. Visitors must properly identify the reason for their visit to the school.**
 - **Any adults other than school staff who are found on campus without a visitor badge will be stopped, identified, and directed to check in at the main office and get a badge.**
 - **As children travel throughout the school grounds, they will travel in pairs. No child will travel alone.**
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What We Continue To Do

- **JOINT COMMUNITY POLICING:**
 - Systematic uniformed and plain clothes walking patrols around parks & basements
 - Bike patrols focusing on housing and school areas
 - Coordination with local Polizei investigators
 - **SCHOOL OUTREACH:**
 - DoDDS and School-Age Programs/CDC/FCC
 - Cross flow information to Army MWR/Child & Youth Services
 - **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:**
 - Continue to educate and train block leaders
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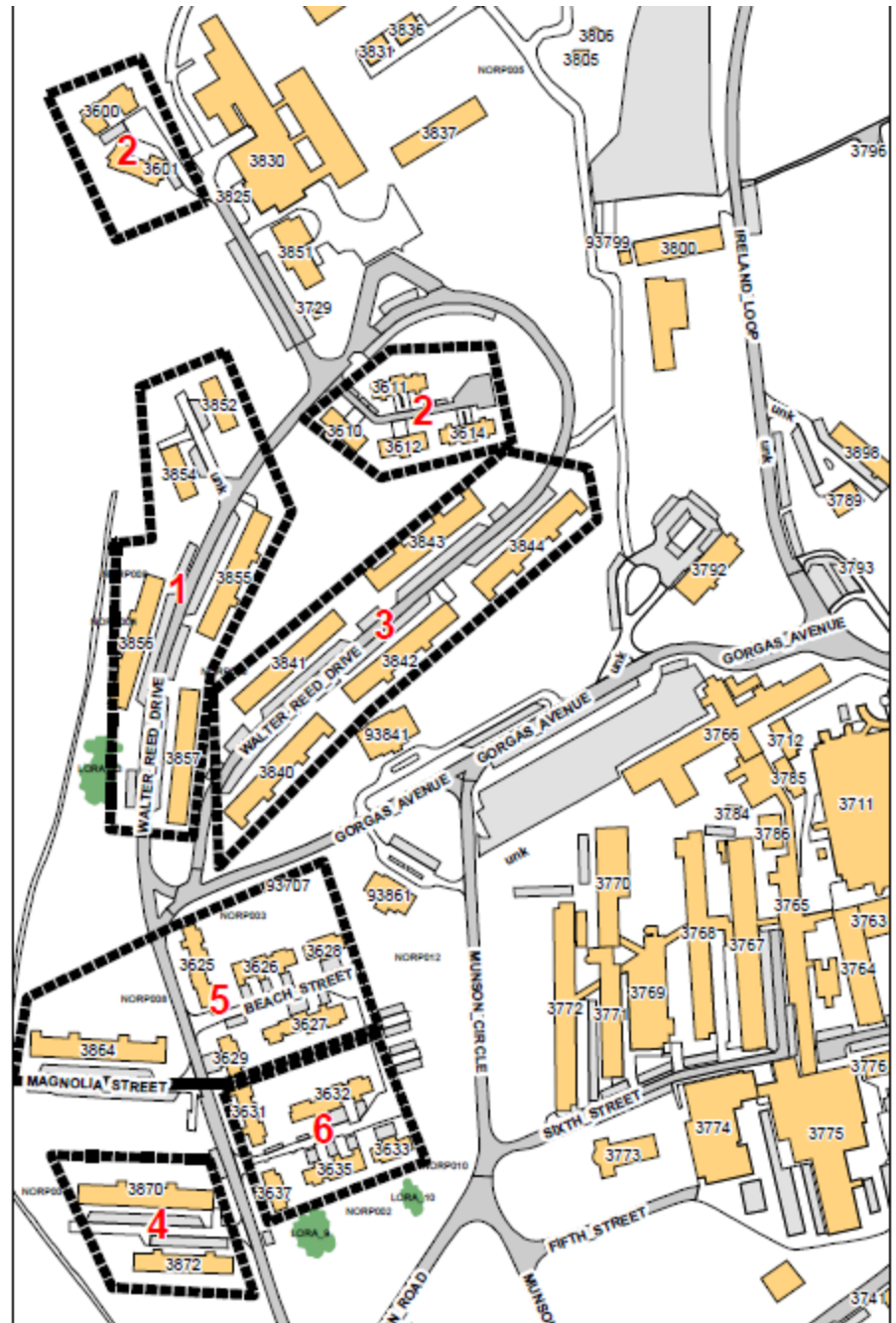
Neighborhood Watch

- **Neighborhood Watch is designed to involve KMC housing residents to assist in keeping our neighborhoods safe.**
 - **ALL base residents are encouraged to participate**
 - **Total Trained: Ramstein- 6**
 - **Total Trained: Vogelweh/Landstuhl- 15**
 - **Training conducted monthly by SFS & USFPS**
 - **Next training: Ramstein- 23 Aug @ 1600, Bldg 2371, Conference Rm**
 - **Next training: Vogelweh- 23 Aug @ 1530, Bldg 2787, 2d floor**
 - **For information, contact your local Police Services section**
 - **Ramstein: DSN: 478-2231 COMM: 06371-405-2231**
 - **Vogelweh/Landstuhl: DSN: 489-7501/7012 COMM 0631-536-7501/7012**
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Landstuhl Housing

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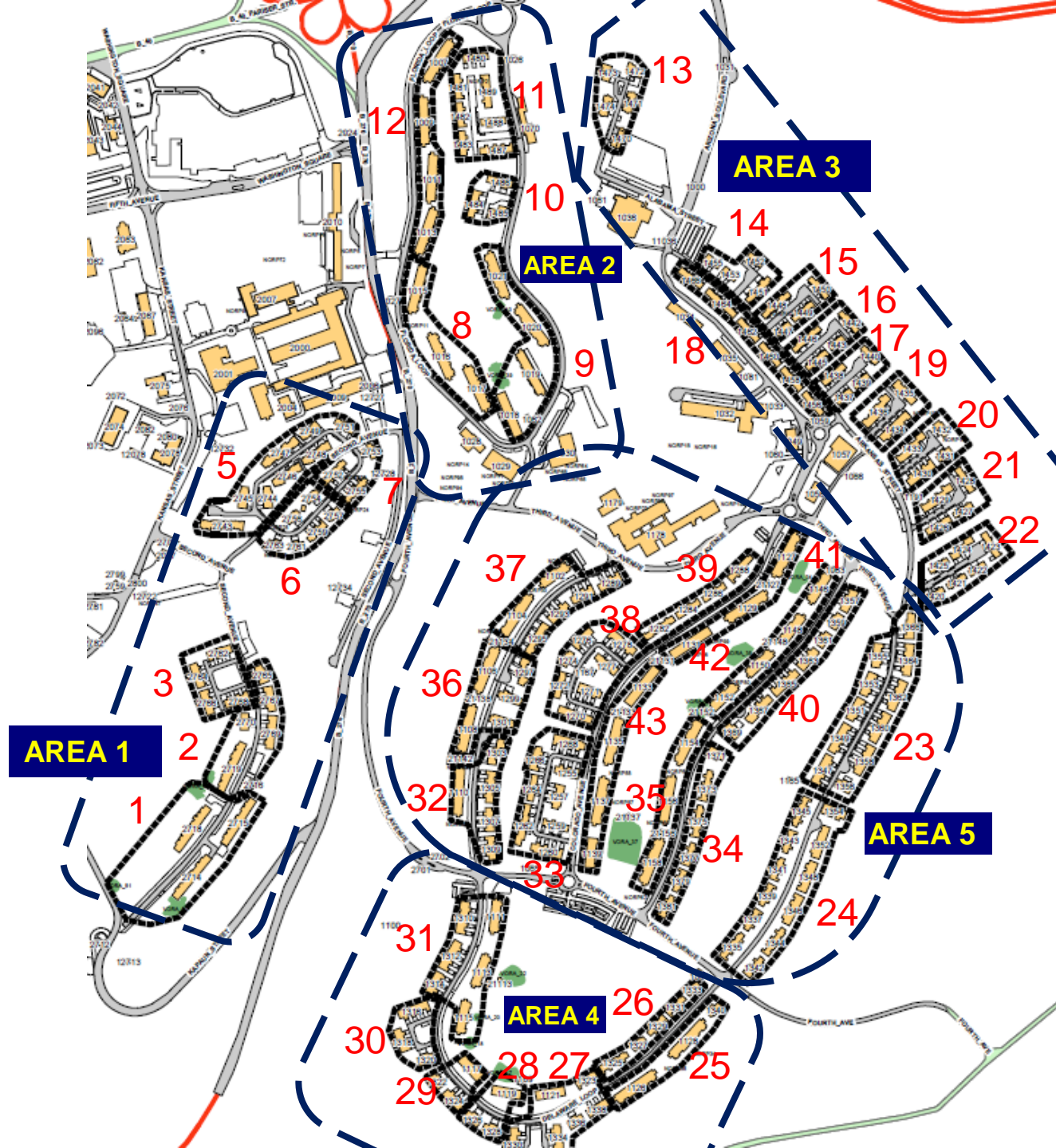
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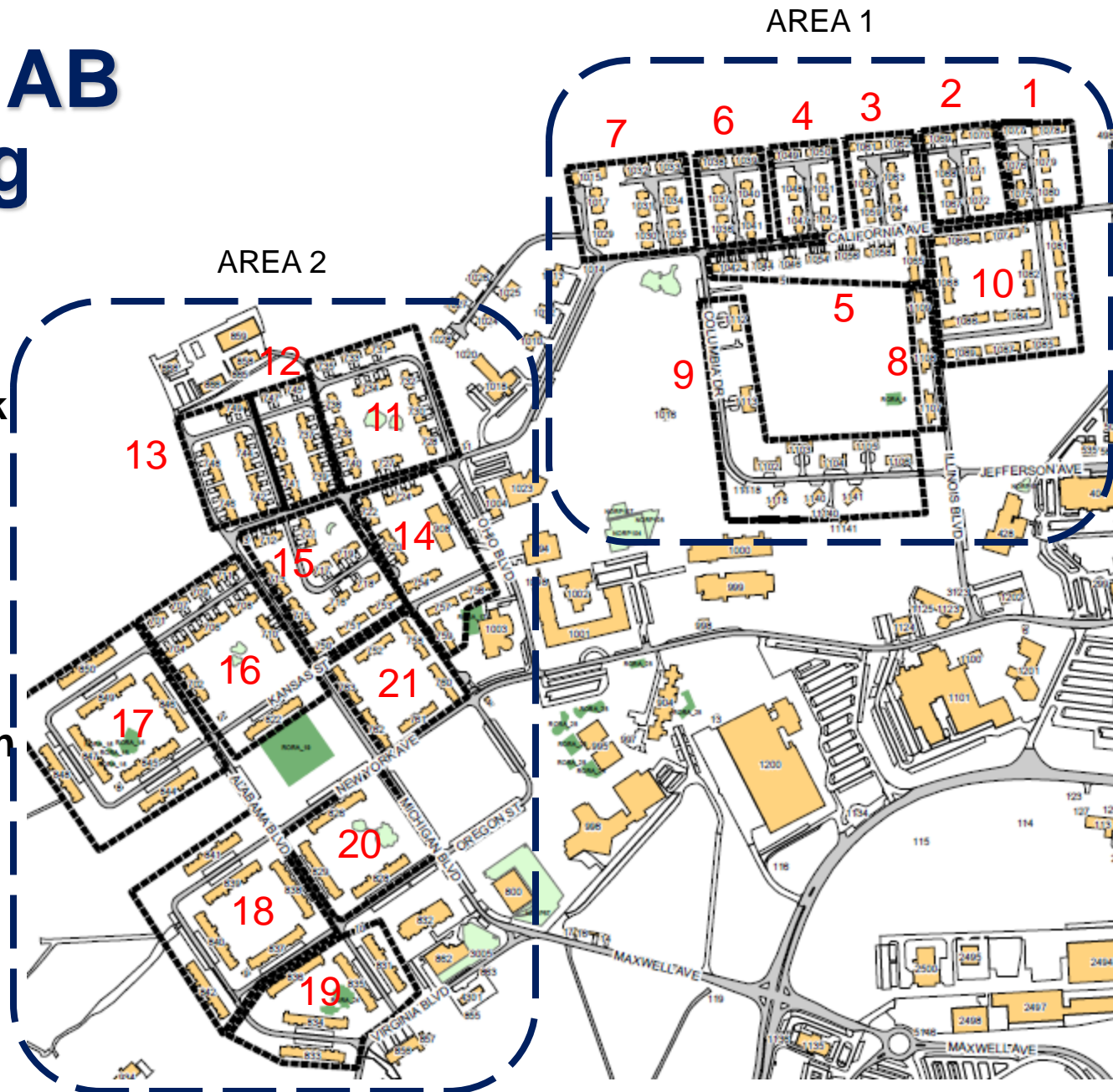
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We Need Your Help

- **Neighborhood Watch participation**
 - **Speak with your children**
 - Talk with your children to determine if anyone has approached them and asked them to go with them
 - **Actively supervise your children**
 - **Remain vigilant**
 - **Report suspicious activities to authorities**
 - Joint Task Force TIP line 0171 745 5382
 - Vogelweh Security Forces 0631 536 6060 or DSN 489 6060
 - Ramstein Security Forces 06371 47 2050 or DSN 480 2050
 - **No detail is too trivial**
 - Remember ANY information could assist in identifying a suspect
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Where to Find Official Information

- **Ramstein Livewire Site**

<http://www.ramstein.af.mil/livewire.asp>

- **Ramstein Facebook Site**

<http://www.facebook.com/ramsteinofficial>

- **USAG-K “Hot Topics”**

<http://www.kaiserslautern.army.mil>



Questions



Child Safety Q & A Follow Up

Question:

Do we have a mechanism in place to track repeat offenders that leave their kids alone?

Answer:

AAFES/DECA do not track "code Adams" or instances when kids become separated from their parents. However, if the child/parent is not located quickly, Security Forces are called and a formal response is logged.

Question:

The toy department at the BX always has children by themselves, is there a way to crack down on that?

Answer:

AAFES has responsibility for primary control inside the Exchange (BX) store; Security Forces will respond when necessary. We have communicated to the AAFES manager to ensure employees remind parents not to leave young children unattended.

Question:

Is there a public sex offender registry in Germany?

Answer:

A sex offender registry exists but its access is restricted by the Kriminalpolizei (responsible for criminal investigations). If someone is suspected of aggravated sexual contact with a minor, attempted abduction, etc., the 569th USFPS can have this person cross-checked against the restricted database, but this information cannot be publicly released. Additionally, victims are notified when a convicted child molester is released from prison.
