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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #01-30, Child Supervision Guidance

1. References:

- a. AR 608-18, Family Advocacy Program, dated October 2007
- b. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, dated July 1997
- c. Memorandum, IMCOM, MWD-A, 15 May 2006, Subject: Child-Supervision Guidance.

2. Purpose: To outline the USAG Schweinfurt policy regarding the supervision of children.

3. Applicability. This policy applies at all times to members of the Schweinfurt Military Community who are parents, legal guardians or authorized caregivers of children who cohabitate in military housing or home in the local community or have not yet graduated from High School.

4. Policy.

a. The Commander is responsible for promoting the health, safety and welfare of all who live within USAG Schweinfurt. Children who are left without responsible supervision are susceptible to harm, which all too often produces tragic results. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children. Failure to exercise those parental responsibilities may constitute child neglect. Military Police (MP) and Social Work Services (SWS) are required to investigate any incidents which violate this policy letter on behalf of the Commander. The Department of the Army, through the Family Advocacy Program (FAP), aims to prevent incidents of child abuse or neglect and protect those who are victims. Parents are guilty of neglect, which is a category of abuse, if they fail to adequately provide for the basic needs of their children; such as food, shelter, medical and dental care, education, supervision and safety. To insure that neglect does not occur, all parents/guardians must adhere to the enclosed Table 1 (Army In Europe Child-Supervision Guidelines) which provides guidance and standards.

5. Procedures.

a. Children will advance to the next grade level on the first day of the new grade year. During the summer, they will be considered to be in the grade they have just completed.

b. Table 1 provides guidance on the level of adult supervision needed for children in different grades and age groups. Incidents of unsupervised children will be reported to the MP. The MP will investigate each such incident and contact the Child, Youth and School (CYS) Services Chief, SWS and the Garrison Commander regarding each unsupervised child.

c. Parents who need assistance identifying the supervision option that best meets their needs, should contact the CYS Services Parent Central Services Office, located in The Commons, Ledward Barracks, Bldg 224 at 354-6414 or 09721-96-6414.

d. Our community has a curfew for school age children between the Fourth and Twelfth grades who are not under direct parental supervision. These curfews prevent unsupervised activity during the “quiet hours” prescribed by German law. The community curfew for minors include government controlled housing areas, as well as Ledward and Conn Barracks.

(1) The Community Curfew hours for minors are:

<u>GRADES</u>	<u>CURFEW</u>	
Fourth – Tenth (under 16 years of age)	2200 to 0500	Daily
Eleventh – Twelfth	2200 to 0500	Sunday thru Thursday
	2300 to 0500	Friday and Saturday

(2) A sponsor, parent or guardian must accompany minor family members after established curfew hours.

(3) Exceptions to curfew hours will be granted for children returning home after sanctioned functions, such as school dances, athletic events and CYS Services activities. The sponsoring activity will notify the MP Desk Sergeant of the dismissal time of each such event.

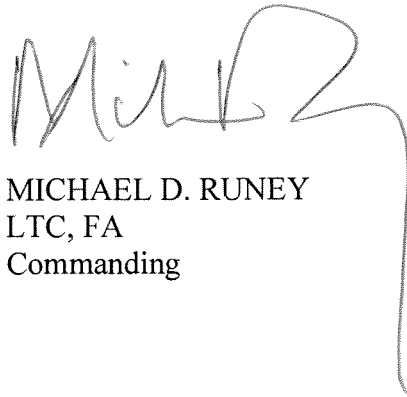
(4) Minors violating curfew hours will be detained and escorted to the MP Station. The sponsor, parent or guardian of the minor will be promptly notified, and must retrieve the minor at the MP station, IAW AE Reg 27-9, all violations will be reported to the Civilian Misconduct Action Authority (CMAA).

(5) Children develop at different rates, and some children may require more or less supervision than indicated above for children of the same age. Parents must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision the child requires. Parents, guardians and authorized caregivers are required, however, to follow the above standards, unless an exception has been approved through the USAG Schweinfurt chain of command. Any other deviation from these standards will be a basis for investigation of potential child neglect.

(6) Area, Building and Stairwell Leaders, along with MP will monitor compliance of this policy. Stairwell Leaders will promptly post this policy on all housing bulletin boards. Leaders and support providers throughout the Community will publicize this policy. Occupants of government owned or leased Family housing units will be given a copy of this policy when they are assigned quarters. Violators should be reported to the sponsor's unit chain of command or MPs.

(7) All Community members should take an active role in safeguarding children. When an incident is reported of neglect or otherwise unsupervised children, the MP and SWS will assess the situation and present it to the FAP Case Review Board for adjudication, if deemed credible. The Case Review Board will then address the applicable rights of the alleged victims and offenders and determine whether an incident of neglect has taken place IAW AR 608-18, recommending treatment and redress for Families.

6. Proponent. The functional proponents are the Army Community Service, FAP Manager at 354-6751 or 09721-966751 and CYS Services Chief at 354-6670 or 09721-966670.



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**Table 1
Army in Europe 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 grade 4	No	No	No	No	No	No
Kindergarten through grade 5	No (note 1).	No	Kindergarten through grade 3: Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision (notes 2 and 3). Grades 4 and 5: Yes, if in a playground or yard with ready access to adult supervision. Kindergarten may not walk to or from school or other supervised activities alone; 1st through 5th graders may walk to and from school and other DOD-sanctioned activities alone. Parents must consider the distance to the school, school-building opening time, hours of darkness, and the child's maturity level (notes 2, 3, and 4).	Yes, for up to 10 minutes (for example, when an adult is picking up mail or paying for gasoline) if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 3 and 5).	No	No
Grades 6 and 7	Yes, for up to 6 hours in a 24-hour period (but not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).	No	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).	Yes (notes 2, 3, and 5).	Grade 6: Yes, for up to 3 hours with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6). Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).	Grade 6: No Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).
Grades 8, 9, and 10	Yes, but not overnight (note 3).	No	Yes (note 3).	Yes (notes 2, 3, and 5).	Yes, for up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).	Yes, for up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).
Grades 11 and 12	Yes (note 3).	Yes, for up to 48 hours, but an adult neighbor or adult friend must check on them at least every 12 hours. Minors must have telephone access to a neighbor in case of emergency and must know where at least one parent is (note 2).	Yes (note 2).	Yes (notes 2, 3, and 5).	Yes (notes 3, 4, and 6).	Yes (notes 3, 4, and 6).

NOTES:

- Parents must make an informed choice (for example, regarding heat, level of danger, amount of time) when carrying groceries from the car to the stairwell apartment or when doing laundry and leaving the child in the stairwell apartment.
- Adult supervision is defined as "someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child (for example, a parent, guardian, care provider, friend)."
- Parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children. Questions to answer may include "Can your child solve problems independently?" "Does your child think through to the consequences before choosing to behave in a certain way?" "How does your child occupy him- or herself when left with free time?"
- Ready access is defined as "as a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision."
- Children may have difficulty assessing dangerous weather conditions (for example, extreme heat or cold) and taking action to protect themselves.
- Red Cross or Child and Youth Services babysitting training is strongly recommended.

Age	4¼ - 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	

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