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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel and Department of Defense Civilian Employees within United States Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) Installations

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-34, Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations in Hawaii

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 Oct 2007.
- b. AR 608-75, Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP), 22 Nov 2006.
- c. AR 608-10, Child Development Services, 15 Jul 1997.

2. Applicability: This policy applies to all Soldiers, Family Members, and sponsored individuals who work on, reside on, or visit any US Army installations, facilities, or work sites in Hawaii.

3. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children. Parents must use sound judgment and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their children when determining the level of supervision their children require. Failure to exercise those parental responsibilities may constitute child neglect.

4. Children who meet the criteria for the EFMP as defined by AR 608-75, require special levels of supervision. These guidelines for supervision and babysitting are to be modified in accordance with their special needs. Parents must consult with their primary care physician to determine appropriate level of supervision. Parents should not give the degree of self-management and responsibility allowed in this guidance to children with special needs.

5. Primary child supervision guidelines (see enclosure 1 for a matrix of these guidelines):

- a. Children less than 10 years old cannot be left unsupervised at bus stops, public facilities, residences, in vehicles or recreational areas, and cannot walk to school alone.

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b. Children, 10-11 years old, may be left alone up to 4 hours in a 24-hour period, but not overnight (0100-0500 daily).

c. Children age 12-13 years old, may baby-sit their siblings or children other than siblings (age two years old and above) for up to 6 hours if they have ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight. Child and Youth Services (CYS) Baby-sitting Training is required to be able to baby-sit. CYS Baby-sitting Training is offered free of charge (call Central Registration at 655-0137). American Red Cross certification may be substituted for the CYS certification. American Red Cross offers certification at your own expense. CYS will allow children 12 years of age to take the class and baby-sit, but regulation will not allow the child to be placed on the CYS Sitters Referral List until they are 13 years of age.

d. Children, 14-15 years old may baby-sit their siblings or children other than siblings for up to 8 hours if they have ready access to adult supervision but may not do so overnight. American Red Cross Certification is required to baby-sit.

e. Children 16 years old or older may be left alone (self-monitored care) for up to 48 hours. Minors will have telephone access to an adult in case of emergency.

6. The USAG-HI curfew policy is as follows:

a. Children 13 years of age and younger will be inside their own or someone else's Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) quarters between 2100 and 0600 hours unless they are under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or Family Member 18 years of age or older.

b. Children 14 through 17 years of age will be inside their own or someone else's AHFH quarters between 2300 and 0530 hours unless they are under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or Family Member 18 years of age or older.

c. Exceptions to the above policy are returning home from a community facility, an installation activity, a Youth Services program or paid employment.

7. Parents or a designated appropriate caregiver must be present at CYS activities.

8. Within the Hawaii Army community, personnel leaving children unsupervised should be referred to the military police. Reports of possible neglect will be addressed to the military police in the Schofield Barracks community at 655-5555/7114 or in the Fort Shafter community at 438-7114. Parents will comply with all State of Hawaii and Federal laws pertaining to child safety and well-being.


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9. This policy supersedes Policy Memorandum, USAG-HI-34, SAB, dated 31 Jul 08, and remains in effect until cancelled or superseded in writing.

10. Point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at Army Community Service, 655-4227/4778 or the CYS Coordinator at 656-0092.

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Child Supv Guideline Matrix


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Table 1: USAG-HAWAII 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 to age 6	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
6-9 year-old	No. Children less than ten years-old will not be left unsupervised at bus stops, public facilities, residences, in vehicles or recreational areas and cannot walk to school unsupervised.	No.	Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access (sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision (notes 2 and 3).	No.	No.	No.
10-11 year-old	Yes, not more than four hours in a 24 hour period (Not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (Notes 2, 3, 4, and 6).	No.	Yes, in a playground within 10 minutes walking distance from the residence. Parent must physically see child every hour (notes 1, 2, 3, and 4).	Yes, up to 15 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 1 and 2).	No.	No.
12-13 year-old	Yes, for up to 6 hours in a 24-hour period (but not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, and 4).	No.	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, and 4).	Yes.	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7). Siblings must be over two years-old.	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7). Non-siblings must be over two years-old.
14-15 year-old	Yes, up to eight hours, but not overnight (note 2).	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes, for up to 8 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7).	Yes, for up to 8 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7).
16-18 year-old	Yes. (note 2).	Yes, for up to 48 hours. Minors will have telephone access to an adult in case of emergency (note 2).	Yes.	Yes.	Yes, (notes 1, 2, 3, and 7).	Yes, (notes 1, 2, 3, and 7).

NOTES:

1. Parents must make an informed choice (for example, regarding weather, potential hazards, or amount of time).
2. Parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children. Questions to consider may include "can your child solve problems independently?" "Does your child think through the consequences before choosing to behave in a certain way?" "How does your child occupy him/herself when left with free time?"
3. Adult supervision is defined as "someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child (for example, a parent, guardian, care provider, friend)."
4. Ready access is defined as "at a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision." (must be readily available physically if needed to respond)
5. Children less than sixteen years-old cannot provide care in an overnight situation (0100-0500). An older child or adult must in the home to provide care from 0100-0500 hours.
6. Home-alone training by Army Community Service, Child and Youth Service or other source is strongly recommended.
7. Child and Youth Services babysitting training or American Red Cross Certification is required to babysit.