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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR Child-Supervision Policy

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. This memorandum provides USAREUR child-supervision policy and information to help parents safeguard their children (encl).
2. The USAREUR child-supervision policy is based on a child's grade in school, not the child's age. Table 1 of the enclosure prescribes 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 the summer, children are considered to be in the grade they just completed.
 - a. Children in the fifth grade and below require adult supervision at all times, with the exception made in table 1 under the "May Be Left Outside Unattended" column. Incidents of unsupervised children should be reported to the installation Family Advocacy Program (FAP) report point of contact (RPOC), who will ensure that incidents are investigated. The FAP RPOC will forward cases of unsupervised children to the base support battalion commander or the area support group commander in the operational area support group 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.
3. 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 Child and Youth Service resource and referral office.
4. This policy applies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to USAREUR-supported personnel who are parents or legal guardians of children who live with them and have not graduated from high-school. For the purpose of this policy, "USAREUR-supported personnel" include service-members, DOD civilian employees (including employees of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Department of Defense Dependents Schools), and contractors.

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5. Commanders may supplement the policy in this memorandum with local guidance (for example, by imposing curfews, through juvenile-review-board operations). Local guidance, however, must not be less restrictive than this policy. Commanders may also ask personnel with children to acknowledge their parental-supervision responsibilities during in-processing and require them to sign a statement indicating that they received and read a copy of this policy or attended a briefing where this policy was distributed. The policy in this memorandum will be published in a permanent USAREUR publication before this memorandum expires.

6. The POCs are—

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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.	Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision (note 1). Kindergarteners may not walk to or 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.
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 1 and 3).	No.	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (note 1).	Yes, for up to 15 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied.	Grade 6: Yes, for up to 3 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 2, 3, and 4).	Grade 6: No.
					Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 2, 3, and 4).	Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours (but not overnight) with ready access to an adult (note 4).
Grades 8 and 9	Yes, but not overnight.	No.	Yes.	Yes, for up to 15 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied.	Yes, for up to 12 hours with ready access to an adult (note 4).	Yes, for up to 12 hours (but not overnight) (note 4).
Grades 10 through 12	Yes.	Yes, for up to 48 hours, but a neighbor or friend must check on them at least every 12 hours. 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 4).	Yes (note 4).

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 or other source is required.
3. Ready access is defined as “at a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision.”
4. Red Cross babysitting training is strongly recommended.
5. Parents are responsible for assessing the individual capabilities of their children.

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>Child and Youth Services-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>Child and Youth Services-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.		