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Personal Affairs

**SUPERVISION OF MINOR CHILDREN ON FORT CAMPBELL**

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**1. Purpose**

To provide policy and guidance for supervision of children at Fort Campbell, KY.

**2. References**

- a. AR 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, October 2007.
- b. AR 608-10, Child Development Services (Reprinted w/Basic Incl. C1), July 1997.
- c. Memorandum, HQ CFSC-CYSS, JULY 2000, subject: Out of School Child Supervision Requirements for Elementary and Middle School Children and Youth During Parental Duty Hours.
- d. CAM Reg 190-3, Juvenile Offender Program, June 2016.
- e. CAM Reg 210-1, Fort Campbell Specific Criminal Offenses, June 2016

**3. Applicability**

This regulation is punitive in nature and applies to all military personnel, their family members, civilians, customers, partners, and contractors who perform duties, reside, utilize facilities, and/or enter and travel on the installation. A violation of any such provision is separately punishable as a violation of a lawful general regulation under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice. Penalties for violating any of these provisions include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions, both criminal and administrative and do not preclude prosecution of military personnel under other regulations, provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or other laws, when such prosecution is appropriate. Violations by civilian employees may be the basis for appropriate disciplinary action and civilian offenders may be removed from this installation, denied re-entry and prosecuted for violating the exclusion order.

**4. Background**

- a. While realizing that safeguarding children is primarily a parental responsibility, DOD requires each installation to develop a child supervision policy that offers guidelines for parents and the community to achieve this task.
- b. DA offers guidelines for establishing this policy, including creation of an installation team to develop a local policy that best meets the needs of Fort Campbell.

**This regulation supersedes CAM Reg dated 15 July 2011**

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## **5. Policy**

a. The Fort Campbell guidelines for the supervision of minor children are based on the child's age and grade in school. The attached Table 1 explains the level of supervision required for children. Below reiterates the attached Table 1:

(1) Children up to age 10 require supervision at all times.

(2) Children age 10 and those age 11 in the 5th Grade are in a transitional year and may gradually begin to exercise self-care beginning with short periods of time (up to 3 hours for age 10; up to 6 hours for age 11), provided the parent/guardian believes the child is mature enough to exercise self-care. While exercising self-care for any length of time (not to exceed six hours) during this transitional period, children are required to have ready access to an adult as set up by their parent/guardian prior to leaving the child alone. Education by the parent/guardian on self-care and safety is highly recommended prior to leaving the child alone for the first time, and then at regular intervals during the transitional period.

(3) Children between age 11 in the sixth grade and age 13 may be left home alone for UP TO 6 hours, with ready access to adult supervision and intermittent contact with a supervisor. Sixth Grade children may only baby-sit younger siblings. Seventh Grade children, who are at least age 12, may also baby-sit non-siblings. The completion of a babysitting course is required to supervise non-siblings. Children must have ready access to adult supervision.

(4) Children age 14 and age 15 share the same liberties listed previously, in addition to no set limitation of time left home alone. Parents maintain the same responsibility for their children and their actions. Children must know how to access parents and have guidance for emergency situations.

(5) Children between age 16 and age 18 share the same liberties listed previously, in addition they may be left alone overnight. So long as children maintain family member status, children are the responsibility of their parents.

b. Table 2 provides conversions of ages to grades for home-schooled children.

c. Curfew for all dependents and guests under 18 years of age is in accordance with Fort Campbell Regulation 210-1 and 190-3.

## **6. Special Provisions**

a. The provisions in this Policy Memorandum do not apply to children who, for whatever reason need closer supervision than is required by paragraphs 5a-c above. Parents whose children, for whatever reason, need closer supervision than paragraphs 5a-c of this Policy Memorandum requires, must take appropriate steps to ensure that their children are properly supervised.

b. Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program, as defined in AR 608-75, require special supervision. These guidelines are to be modified in accordance with their special needs.

c. Children who are in the care of a certified Family Child Care (FCC) provider, who has entered into a contract with the children's parents for such care, will be supervised by the FCC provider in accordance with guidelines set forth in AR 608-10, AR 608-18, and local procedures.

d. Violation of this policy will result in a Military Police referral to the Department of Social Work Services/Family Advocacy Program when the incident in question also violates applicable provision of Kentucky or Tennessee law.

## **7. Responsibilities**

a. Military and DoD civilian sponsors are responsible at all times for the supervision, health, safety, and welfare of their family members and guests on the installation. Deliberate failure to provide for adequate and reasonable care of minor children may result in adverse consequences for the sponsor. These consequences may include, but are not limited to, criminal prosecution, civil liability, and/or termination of housing privileges on the installation.

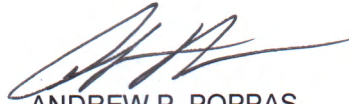
b. Child and Youth Services (CYSS) will maintain a referral list of registered babysitters who are thirteen and older who have completed the babysitting course.

c. CYSS will maintain a resource list of activities both on and off the installation that are available options for supervision.

d. Every member of the Fort Campbell community is responsible for maintaining the highest possible safety standards. Each member should report information regarding known or suspected incidents of child abuse or child neglect. This is a matter of conscience and good faith and should be taken seriously. Reporting violations of regulation 608-3 should be directed to the Military Police at 798-7111/2/3.

**8. Proponent**

The proponent and point of contact for this regulation is the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, ATTN: IMCB-MW.



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**TABEL 1 FORT CAMPBELL CHILD SUPERVISOR GUIDELINES**

Age Grade of Child	Child Characteristics	May be left at Home	May be left alone overnight	May be left outside unattended (Playing)	May be left in a Vehicle	May Baby Sit Siblings	May Baby Sit Other (besides Siblings)
Newborn to Age 4	Requires Close Supervision at all times	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ages 5 – 9 Years Old	Children begin to explore their environment under supervision	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	At playground (Close to Home) or with in immediate access (sight to hearing distance) to adult supervision, Kindergartener may not walk to and from school alone, 1 <sup>st</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> graders may walk to and from school and other supervised activities alone	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Age 10 Yrs. Old and 11 Yrs. Old in 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade continue to require supervision	This is a transition time for these children. They are accepting more responsibility require intermittent supervision	For up to 3 hrs. (10), 6 hrs. (11). Have access to indirect supervision (Neighbor, checking with parents by phone)	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b> , with need/access to adult supervision	Not more than 15 minutes and the keys <b>MUST</b> be removed	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Ages 11 – 13 Yrs. Old continue to need intermittent contact with Adult Supervision	Children are approaching the adolescent years when there is a need for increased responsibility. The amount of responsibility should be carefully evaluated	For UP to 6 hrs. with need/access to adult supervision/ intermittent contact with a supervisor	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b> , babysitting course is highly recommended	6 <sup>th</sup> graders may <b>NOT</b> . 7 <sup>th</sup> graders who have reached their birthday may. Babysitting course required.
Age 14 – 15 Yrs. Old, Parents are responsible for their children and their actions	Children continue to need to know /have access to parents and guidance for emergency situations	<b>YES</b> , Parents are responsible for their children and their actions	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b> , Babysitting course is highly recommended	<b>YES</b> , Babysitting course is required
Age 16-18 Yrs. Old	Parents responsible for their children and their actions as long as family member status is maintained	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b> , indirect supervision required "See Below"	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b> , Babysitting course is highly recommended	<b>YES</b> , babysitting course is required

**Indirect Supervision plans include mandated checking with a neighbor, emergency phone numbers of parents and emergency medical power of attorney.**

**TABLE 2 CONVERSION FROM AGE TO GRADE FOR HOME SCHOOLED CHILDREN**

AGE	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17/18
GRADE	Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th