



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON BAUMHOLDER
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 1-3, Child Supervision and Curfews

1. Effective Date: This policy letter remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.
2. Purpose: This policy establishes acceptable parameters and provides guidance to parents, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the general community concerning minimum acceptable standards for children/youth in U.S. Army Garrison Baumholder. Failure to comply with the provisions of this policy letter may result in adverse administrative action or punitive action against any person in the categories listed below, including punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for service members
3. Applicability: This policy letter is applicable to all children and youth from birth through high school graduation who are the dependents of military and DoD civilian personnel assigned to USAREUR, or are in the legal custody of USAREUR military, or DoD civilian personnel (e.g. guardianship or foster care); live on and off post, including quarters, community facilities and community/neighborhood playgrounds; attend a variety of schools, including but not limited to DoDDS, host nation, international or are home schooled.
4. Policy: Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children. 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 the child requires. Parents should not give the degree of self-management and responsibility allowed in this guidance to children with mental or physical impairments that may include attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), behavioral problems, developmental delay, impulsivity, psychiatric problems, or other impairments. At the same time we want to encourage independence for our children and allow them to develop into functional members of the society. For that reason children are allowed to do some things alone (e.g. walk to school at a young age,) but ultimately sponsors/parents must determine if they should allow their children to adhere to the minimum standards provided in the attached USAREUR Child Supervision Guidance matrix.
 - a. Within the USAREUR Child Supervision Guidance, parents can find more information regarding the overall USAREUR policy. Enclosed in this policy, table 1 provides guidance on the level of adult supervision needed for children in different grades. Table 2 is an age conversion table for children who are homeschooled or may not be attending a DoDDS school. Table 3 of the enclosure lists child supervision criteria including supervision levels, definitions and supervision options for parents. Parents should request more information if they are unclear

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of the policy or if they have questions. Help is always available from the Family Advocacy Program at 485-8188.

b. The Baumholder curfew policy for on and off post is as follows:

c. Children 13 years of age and younger will be inside their own or someone else's quarters between 2100 and 0600 hours unless they are under the supervision of a parent, guardian, or family member 18 years of age or older.

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

e. Exceptions to the above policy are returning home from a Youth Services program, a school event, a Chapel event, an official employment assignment or responding to a bona fide emergency.

f. Children who are subject to the curfew policy are required to carry their ID card with them. Parents and children should be advised that this policy is valid on post and off.

5. Point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at 485-8188 or the Director of Emergency Services at 485-1580.

2 Encls

1. Child Supervision Guidelines
2. Age and Grade Conversion



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Age	4½ - 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.		

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— Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No
Kindergarten— Grade 5	No (note 1)	No	Kindergarten—Grade 3: Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision (notes 2 & 3). Immediate access may be satisfied by a minor who is qualified to babysit in accordance with this policy. Grades 4 & 5: Yes, if in a playground or yard with ready access to adult supervision. Kindergarteners may not walk to or from school or other supervised activities alone; 1st—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 & 4).	Kindergarten—Grade 3: No (note 1) Grades 4 & 5: 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 & 5).	No	No
Grades 6 & 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 & 6).	No	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4 & 6).	Yes (notes 2, 3 & 5)	Grade 6: Yes, for up to 3 hours with ready access to adult supervision (notes 2, 3, 4 & 6). Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4 & 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 & 6).
Grades 8, 9 & 10	Yes, but not overnight (note 3)	No	Yes (note 3)	Yes (notes 2, 3, & 5)	Yes, for up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4 & 6).	Yes, for up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, 4 & 6).
Grades 11 & 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 & 5)	Yes (notes 3, 4 & 6)	Yes (notes 3, 4 & 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 18 or older 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.