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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Policy Letter #7-3

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison (USAG) Red Cloud Policy letter on Standards of Child Supervision in the USAG Red Cloud and Area I Community

1. REFERENCE.

a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, the Family Advocacy Program, 30 October 2007.

b. Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 6400.1, Family advocacy Program (FAP), 23 Aug 04.

2. PURPOSE. To establish parameters and provide guidance to parents, enforcement agencies health care providers and the general community concerning minimum acceptable standards of supervision for children in USAG Red Cloud and Area 1.

3. APPLICABILITY. These procedures are applicable to military, civilian and/or Family members assigned to or that have been granted access to USAG Red Cloud and Area 1.

4. GENERAL. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring the health, welfare and safety of minor Family members and dependents at all times. The sponsor's chain of command is responsible for the sponsor and his/her dependents assigned or attached to his/her command or agency.

5. POLICY.

a. No **child of any age will be left unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health and safety.** Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity level are factors to be used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. The following are minimum community standards. Under no circumstance will these guidelines be reduced. The enclosure is providing as guidance in making decisions involving safety and proper supervision of children. (See matrix)

b. Children **outside and unattended.**

1) Ages 10 and younger. Children age 10 and younger will not be left physically unattended under any circumstances and must be supervised by a responsible adult who is within eyesight or hearing distance of the child. In addition, the responsible adult must have the ability

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to respond immediately to any incident that may injure or endanger that child. Children ages 10 and younger will not be left unattended in cars, at bus stops, or in any location while on USAG Red Cloud and Area I installations.

2) Ages 11 through 17. Although children ages 11 through 17 are allowed to play outside without direct adult supervision, these children must be able to immediately access a responsible adult who is aware of the child's location and has been prearranged to respond immediately to an emergency involving that child.

c. **Children Left Alone in Family Living Area.** While USAG Red Cloud and Area I do not have on post family quarters, the safety of children requires appropriate supervision of children at all times. The following guidelines are provided to ensure a child's safety and outline a parent's responsibility for the child.

1) Children ages 10 and younger should not be left unattended under any circumstances.

2) Children ages 11 through 13 may be left alone for no longer than 3 hours provided that they are able to immediately access a responsible adult who is aware of the child's location and has been prearranged to respond immediately to an emergency involving that child. Contact the Family Advocacy Program for information and assistance on recommendations for children left home without parental supervision.

3) Children ages 14 through 16, may be left alone for no longer than 6 hours during the day or evening provided that they are able to immediately access a responsible adult.

4) Children age 17 may be left alone overnight provided that they are able to immediately access a responsible adult.

d. **All children must have the supervising adult's work, home and emergency phone numbers.**

e. **Requirements for Child Sitters.** Minors ages 12 and older may sit for their immediate Family members or other families' children. It is highly recommended that minors, ages 12 and older, take the American Red Cross Baby-sitters Course prior to baby-sitting for children who are not immediate Family members.

f. **USAG Red Cloud and Area I personnel who observe children unattended, unsupervised, and/or potentially at risk will contact the following:**

1) The Hotline by dialing 101 or 730-1101 on all installations or from an off post telephone call 0505-730-1101.

2) The Military Police (MP) call 911 (24 hours) on all installations or from an off post telephone call: Red Cloud 0505-732-6693, Camp Casey 0505-730-4417 and Camp Stanley 0505-732-5310.

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3) During duty hours, Social Work Services can also be called at DSN 730-3900 from and on post telephone or 0505-730-3900 from an off post telephone.

g. Actions taken when a child is found unattended, unsupervised and/or potentially at risk include:

1) The sponsor, parent or designated care provider will be contacted immediately to provide supervision. If this person cannot be located, the child may be taken to the Military Police Station for protection, to the Medical Treatment Facility for appropriate medical care, or emergency child placement to ensure the child's safety until the sponsor can be located.

2) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider may be investigated in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice and applicable regulations by the Military Police and/or the Family Advocacy Case Review Committee, for suspected child neglect in violation of Army Regulation (AR 608-18).

6. This policy supersedes previous Standards of Child Supervision in the USAG Red Cloud and Area I area.

7. PROPONENT. The proponent of this policy is the USAG Red Cloud and Area I Army Community Service.

8. Point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at DSN: 730-3150.

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Age Matrix


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**USAG RED CLOUD / AREA 1
GUIDANCE ON SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AND AGE MATRIX**

Parents and guardians are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community. Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents are responsible for making this decision. The following are minimum community standards. Parents are still required to assess their children and, if necessary, to raise the age.

Age of Child	Required Supervision	Left Alone in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Play or be Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
4 years old and under	Direct supervision at all times	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
5-6 years old	Direct supervision at all times	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
7-10 years old	Direct supervision at all times	NO	NO	NO: 7 & 8 years old YES: 9 & 10 yrs old with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision	NO	NO	NO
11-13 years old	Parental Assessment Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available	YES: with ready access to adult supervision; LIMIT to 3 hrs	NO	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES: with keys removed and hand brake applied	NO: 11 year old YES: 12 & 13 year old	NO
14-16 years old	Parental Assessment Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available	YES: with ready access to adult supervision; LIMIT to 6 hrs	NO	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES	YES	YES: Limit to 6 hours *See below
17-18 years old	Parental Assessment Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available	YES	YES: with access to adult supervision	YES	YES		YES: May sit overnight *See below

ACS Family Advocacy Program, Child Safety Information, Tel. 730-6658. *American Red Cross (ARC) Babysitter's Training Course is required to care for children other than immediate family members. Call ARC at Tel. 730-6160.