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Subj: CHILD SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

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(b) NDWINST 1754.2

Encl: (1) JBAB Child Supervision Chart

1. Purpose. To establish a Child Supervision Policy for active duty military families and Department of Defense civilian employees residing and working on Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB), Washington, DC.
2. Background. It is the responsibility of every parent and/or guardian in the JBAB community to provide a safe and healthy environment for his/her children. JBAB assists families in fulfilling this important responsibility by providing facilities, services, and clearly communicating expectations regarding parental responsibilities.
3. Policy. While all children must be supervised, different degrees of supervision are required depending on the child's age, demonstrated maturity level, self-discipline, and personal responsibility. The person providing supervision must be physically and mentally capable of safely caring for the children. This policy provides child supervision requirements for parents/guardians residing and working on JBAB. Violations of this policy may result in a child neglect referral to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP). The following guidelines outline the basic requirements for child supervision on JBAB:

(a) Basic Requirements

- (1) Children under 8 years of age must never be left unsupervised or unattended.
- (2) Children under 8 years of age must be closely monitored (within sight) by a parent or designated responsible person.
- (3) Children between 9 and 11 years of age can be allowed to explore their environments during the daytime, but must also be afforded protection. Children must have access to an adult supervisor in a designated neighborhood area established by their adult supervisor. Access is defined as the child has the ability to contact a verifiable, prearranged, responsible adult in case of an emergency, and an adult supervisor knowing the location of the

child. The designated neighborhood area should be convenient for the adult supervisor to regularly check-in on the children. The adult supervisor should have the children check-in by phone if the children are changing locations.

(4) Children 12 years of age may be left without direct supervision for six hours during the daytime with access to an adult by phone. The adult supervisor should check-in on the children and/or have an adult neighbor or friend check-in on them every two hours. The children should be well rehearsed to call 911, fire and security in the event of an emergency. The adult supervisor should have the children check-in if the children are changing locations. If a child is not mature enough to check-in with an adult supervisor, the standards for younger children will apply.

(5) Children between 9 and 12 years of age and attending the Child and Youth Programs Open Recreation Program, are authorized to sign themselves in and out of the program only with a parental permission form on file.

(6) Children between 13 and 16 years of age do not require direct supervision during the daytime, but must have adult supervision overnight. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the child knows proper emergency procedures, i.e., contact persons, telephone numbers, fire evacuation, etc.

(7) Children 17 years of age and older may remain at home overnight for one night only without adult supervision. All children must have the supervising adult's work and mobile phone numbers and necessary emergency phone numbers. The supervising adult must be within the local area.

(8) When direct parental supervision cannot be provided, parents must arrange suitable alternative childcare (e.g., a Child Development Center, a Child Development Home Provider, a babysitter, or an adult friend/neighbor, etc.).

(9) Babysitters must be 13 years of age to babysit during the daytime. Babysitters must have completed the "Home-alone" training by Youth Center or Red Cross baby-sitting training or equivalent program, and be able to provide adequately for a child's welfare and safety in all circumstances deemed appropriate. Babysitters under the age of 18 may babysit for no more than six hours during the daytime. Babysitters must be eighteen 18 years of age to supervise overnight.

(10) Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program require special supervision. These children must be supervised consistent with the supervision requirements contained in the Child and Youth Supervision Guidelines for children of similar ages and based upon their physical, mental and emotional needs as specified by their primary care provider.

(b) Curfews

(1) Unless accompanied by an adult, the maximum curfew for all children 9 to 12 years of age is 2000 hours, consistent with all other provisions of this instruction.

(2) Unless accompanied by an adult, the maximum curfew for all children 13 to 16 years of age is 2200 hours, consistent with all other provisions of this instruction.

(3) Unless accompanied by an adult, the maximum curfew for all children 17 years of age is 2400 hours (midnight), consistent with all other provisions of this instruction.

4. Definitions.

a. Children are defined as unmarried individuals under 18 years of age.

b. Parents are defined as biological or step parents, guardians, or the sponsor of family members under 18 years of age.

c. Access is defined as the child has the ability to contact a verifiable, prearranged, responsible adult in case of an emergency, and an adult supervisor knowing the location of the child.

d. Babysitters are defined as responsible individuals, 13 years of age or older, entrusted to care for children, and are required to abide by the child and youth supervision guidelines.

e. Supervision is defined as assuming responsibility for children and using reasonable judgment in providing for their care.

f. Local area is defined as an area or location that is no more than one hour away by car.

g. Neglect is defined as actions or omissions by a parent, guardian, or caretaker which includes, but is not limited to, deliberate negligent withholding or deprivation of necessities (e.g., nourishment, shelter, clothing, health care), lack of adequate supervision, emotional educational neglect, or abandonment.



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JOINT BASE ANACOSTIA-BOLLING (JBAB) CHILD SUPERVISION CHART

Note: The ages specified are based on the average child's ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. In all instances below where a "yes" is indicated, the parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment and for any incident or mishap (*not considered preventable*), which occurs.

Age of Child	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for Two Hours or Less	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for More than Two Hours	Left Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended During Daylight Hours (To include Playing)	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sitter - Siblings	Child Sitter - Others
Newborn – Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age 5 – Age 6	No	No	No	No: Except at age 6 may walk to and from bus stop	No	No	No
Age 7 – Age 8	No	No	No	No: Except may walk to and from bus stop	No	No	No
Age 9 – Age 12	Yes: with ready access (phone number to an adult supervisor). 1/2	No	No	Yes: prior to curfew by 2000 hours and for short periods of time. Parents provide indirect supervision such as frequent call-ins or occasional checks by adult neighbors or friends 2/3	Yes; keys removed and hand brake applied	No	No
Age 13 – Age 16	Yes	Yes	No	Yes; prior to curfew of 2200 hours	Yes; keys removed and hand brake applied	Yes 3/4	Yes 3/4
Age 17	Yes	Yes	Yes; minors age 17 may be left alone not to exceed one (1) night	Yes; prior to curfew of 2400 hours	Yes	Yes	Yes

1. Home – alone training by Youth Center or other source required
2. Indirect supervision is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, care provider, friend
3. Curfew for ages 9-12 is 2200 hours; ages 13-16 is 2200 hours; age 17 is 2400 hours.
4. Red Cross baby-sitting training or equivalent required

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