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MEMORANDUM FOR Soldiers, Civilian Employees, and Family Members in the Army in Europe

SUBJECT: Army in Europe Child-Supervision Guidance

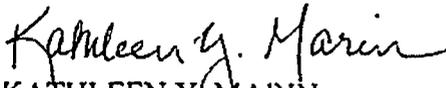
1. This memorandum provides child-supervision guidance and information to help parents safeguard their children (encl). This guidance is based on the child's grade in school, not the child's age.
2. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children. Failure to exercise 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 an attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), behavioral problems, developmental delay, impulsivity, psychiatric problems, or other impairments.
3. Table 1 of the enclosure provides guidance on the level of adult supervision needed for children in different grades. Incidents of unsupervised children will be reported to the installation Family Advocacy Program (FAP) report point of contact (RPOC) (the military police), who will ensure that incidents are investigated. The FAP RPOC will forward cases of unsupervised children to social work services and to the garrison commander. 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 will have adult supervision at all times except as indicated in table 1 under the "May Be Left Outside Unattended (Including Playing)" and "May Be Left Unattended in a Car" columns.
 - b. Children in the sixth grade may babysit siblings over 2 years old for up to 3 hours if they have ready access to adult supervision. Children in the seventh grade and higher may babysit children for up to 6 hours if they have ready access to adult supervision. The definition of ready access constitutes a minimum requirement of availability of telephone access and the telephone number of each person designated as having an adult supervisory role. Children in the seventh grade and younger who are eligible to babysit may not pick up children from Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) activities.
4. Table 3 of the enclosure lists child-supervision criteria, including supervision levels, definitions, and supervision options for parents. Parents who need help identifying an option that meets their requirements should be referred to the CYSS resource and referral office.

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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, babysitter, friend).	Elementary school (kindergarten through grade 5); generally 5 to 10 years old.	<p>CYSS 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>CYSS 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.		