



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
221ST BASE SUPPORT BATTALION
UNIT 29623
APO AE 09096

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 221st Base Support Battalion (BSB) Commander's Policy (CP) 2-26 (Supervision of Children)

1. Reference: AR 608-18, 1 Sep 95, The Army Family Advocacy Program.
2. Purpose: To prescribe supervision policy which promotes the health, safety and welfare of children in the 221st BSB.
3. Applicability: This policy applies to sponsors, spouses, and children residing in the 221st BSB.
4. Objective: This policy outlines parental responsibility for supervising children and prescribes guidelines when a lack of adult supervision could be deemed neglectful or unsafe.
5. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children and 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. Children with a history of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Developmental Delay, behavioral problems, impulsivity, psychiatric problems or other impairments should not be given the degree of self-management and or responsibility allowed in this policy.
6. 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), who will ensure that incidents are investigated. The FAP RPOC will forward cases of unsupervised children to the Base Support Battalion Commander for resolution if appropriate. 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 must 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.

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b. Children in the sixth grade may baby-sit siblings over 2 years old for up to 3 hours if they have ready access to adult supervision. Children in the seventh grade may baby-sit children for up to 6 hours if they have ready access to adult supervision.

7. 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 Child and Youth Services resource and referral office.

8. The contents of this policy will be reviewed and revalidated annually on the anniversary date of its publication. Revalidation will be reported in writing to the BSB AG within two weeks of the anniversary date. Policies requiring revision will be submitted within thirty days of the anniversary date for the Commander's approval/ signature.

9. The point of contact is Damaris Feleke, FAP Specialist, at DSN 337-5034 or 337-5754.

10. "Excellence Always!"



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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 through age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Kindergarten through grade 5	No	No	Kindergarten through grade 3: Yes, if in a playground or yard with immediate access (sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision (notes 1 and 2). Grades 4 and 5: Yes, if in a playground or yard with ready access (in person) to adult supervision. Kindergarteners may not walk to or from school or other supervised activities alone; 1 st through 5 th graders may walk to and from school and other supervised activities alone. Parents must consider the distance to the school, school building opening time, hours of darkness, and the child's maturity (notes 1, 2, and 3)	No	Grades 4 and 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 2 and 4)	No	No
Grades 6 and 7	Yes, for up to 6 hours in a 24-hour period (but not overnight) with ready access to adult supervision (notes 1, 2, 3 and 5)	No	Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (notes 1, 2, 3, and 5).	Yes, for up to 15 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 2 and 4)	Grade 6: Yes, for siblings over 2 years old for up to 3 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, and 5) Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to an adult (notes 1, 2, 3, and 5)	Grade 6: No Grade 7: Yes, for up to 6 hours with ready access to a adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 1, 2, 3, and 5)	
Grades 8, 9 and 10	Yes, but not overnight (note 2)	No	Yes (note 2)	Yes, for up to 20 minutes if the keys have been removed and the handbrake applied (notes 2 and 4)	Yes, for up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision, but not overnight (notes 1, 2, 3, and 5)	Yes, for up to 12 hours, but not overnight (notes 2, 3, and 5)	
Grades 11 and 12	Yes (note 2)	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 and 4)	Yes (notes 2, 3, and 5)	Yes (notes 2, 3, and 5)	

NOTES:

- Adult supervision is defined as "someone 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 babysitting training is strongly recommended.

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 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"> • School-age services (SAS) • Child development center (CDC) • Family childcare <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 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"> • SAS and middle-school programs • Neighborhood Activity Homes • Team sports • Instructional classes • Clubs and volunteer activities <p>Community resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated adult • Schools • Churches • Scouts • Youth centers • Host-nation programs
Monitored self-care	Parents have assessed their child's ability and allowed the child to monitor him- or herself.		