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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the United States Army Garrison Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter #35, Safety and Usage Guidelines for Trampolines, Swimming Pools, Swings and Treehouses/Tree Forts in Army Family Housing (AFH)

1. References.

a. Army Regulation 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 24 August 2012.

b. Army in Europe Supplement to Army Regulation 420-1, Housing Management, 20 November 2008.

c. Department of Army Pamphlet 420–1–1, Facilities Engineering, Housing Management, 2 April 2009.

2. Purpose. This policy establishes a local standards and guidelines for trampolines, swimming pools, swing sets, slides, swimming pools, and any other forms of play equipment in the Army Family Housing (AFH) areas.

3. Applicability. This policy is applicable to all personnel assigned to AFH, their Family members and guests, tenant units and activities within the USAG Wiesbaden footprint.

4. Policy. Installation of play equipment in AFH shall meet manufacture guidelines and the requirements stated within this policy. Area, Section, Building and Common Area Coordinators are responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with this policy and resolve any non-compliance at the lowest level. Violators of this policy are subject to administrative actions including eviction from their assigned government quarters.

5. Trampolines.

a. Trampolines require approval of the DPW Housing office prior to installation or to maintain one, using the enclosed form. Installation shall be in a fenced back yard, on a flat/level surface, away from any potential safety hazards, and not create an adverse visual impact from the street or neighbor's homes. A 10 foot clearance around the trampoline is required and includes, but not limited to, any structure, fence, shed, trees, shrubs, etc. Objects, which may cause injury, are not allowed on the trampoline.

b. Residents shall follow the manufacturer's installation and safety guidelines. The tops of all trampolines must be fully caged and encased in protective padding (including springs), and must have vertical safety netting attached to the outside perimeter.

c. Trampolines may only be used during daylight, not during quiet hours, or after 2000 hours. A responsible adult will supervise when in use. A safety inspection is required prior to each use. Only one individual at a time may use the trampoline. When not in use the trampoline will be secured and NOT ACCESSIBLE.

d. Trampolines will be removed or made inoperable during residents absences. Prior to vacating housing residents will remove the trampoline. Residents are responsible for charges for damages including repair or reseeding of the yard.

e. Complaints of unsupervised use, unsecured access or disruption to the tranquility of the neighborhood at a minimum will result in removal of the trampoline. Trampoline owners assume ALL liability for injuries or damages and are required to obtain liability insurance with coverage specifically for trampoline use and provide proof to the Housing office. USAG Wiesbaden shall not be responsible for injuries caused using a trampoline.

6. Swimming Pools. All swimming pools within AFH, other than small plastic wading pools are prohibited. Pool dimensions may NOT exceed 14 inches in height and 60 inches in diameter. Empty and properly store pools when not in use. Pools shall not have a cover, plastic or other material attached. When water is in the pool the sponsor or spouse will provide continuous supervision.

7. Swings/Swing Sets and Slides. Installation of swing sets, slides and other forms of children's play equipment, excluding the small plastic individual style equipment are prohibited. Tire or other swings in trees, on porches, off balconies, etc., are prohibited.

8. Treehouses/Tree Forts and Other Constructed Buildings. Installation of treehouses, tree forts and other constructed buildings whether free standing or attached to a building or other object is prohibited. Residents who have installed such items shall remove them at their expense and may be charged for damages.

9. Proponent. The proponent for this policy is the USAG-Wiesbaden, DPW Housing Area/Building Coordinator Manager, DSN 458-4412 or civilian 0611-143-548-4412.

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Trampoline Request Form

I _____ request permission to install / maintain a trampoline.

Date of Request: _____ Housing Area: _____ Address: _____

Trampolines will only be installed in a fenced back yard, on a flat/level surface, with a minimum of 10 foot clearance around the perimeter of the trampoline, away from any potential safety hazards, not be located where there is an adverse visual impact from the street or from neighbor's homes.

____ I will follow the manufacturer's installation and safety guidelines. The top of the trampoline will be fully caged and encased in protective padding, including the springs; and have vertical safety netting attached to the outside perimeter.

____ I or another adult will supervise when trampoline is in use. I will conduct a safety inspection of the trampoline prior to each use. Only one individual at a time will use the trampoline. When not in use the trampoline shall be secured and NOT ACCESSIBLE. No objects that may result in potential injury will be allowed on the trampoline. Its use is limited to daylight hours and not during quiet hours or after 2000 hours.

____ I will ensure the trampoline is removed or made inoperable during absences from the house. I will remove the trampoline prior to vacating the house. I understand I am responsible for any charges for damages including any repair to the yard/ grounds.

____ I understand complaints of unsupervised use, unsecured access, loud noise, disruption to the tranquility to the neighborhood or personnel living around me, or not following the requirements to have a trampoline may result in removal of the trampoline or other administrative action including eviction from government controlled housing.

____ I assume ALL liability for injuries or damages caused by using or having the trampoline. I understand and agree USAG Wiesbaden shall not be responsible for injury to any child or adult using the trampoline. I shall obtain liability insurance with coverage specifically for trampoline use.

____ By initialing these statements and signing this agreement I acknowledge I have read the USAG Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter 34, Safety and Usage Guidelines for Trampolines, Swimming Pools, Swings and Treehouses/Tree Forts in Army Family Housing (AFH) and understand and agree to the guidelines in it and listed herein.

Resident Signature: _____ Date: _____

DPW Housing Approve/Disapprove: _____ _____ _____

Print Name Signature Date