

CHILD SUPERVISION AGE MATRIX

Sponsors and parents are responsible for the welfare and the 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. *Sponsors and parents are responsible for making this decision.* The following are minimum community standards. These guidelines apply to all Military, DOD and Invited Contractors personnel living on or off MCB Hawaii

Age of Child	Required Supervision	Left Alone in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Newborn-5 years old	Requires close supervision at all times.	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
6-7 years old	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	YES With immediate access (visual sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision. Children six years old may not walk alone to and from school or school bus stop. Children seven years old are exempt from "outside unattended" rule when walking to and from school or school bus stop. they may not walk alone and must be accompanied by a buddy or older sibling so the child is not alone.	NO	NO	NO
8-9 years old	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	YES With ready access to an adult who is in the immediate area in case of an emergency and the Sponsor and/or parent knowing the location and activity of the child. May walk unaccompanied to and from school or school bus stop with a buddy. Parents need to buddy partner or use siblings so child is not alone.	NO	NO	NO
10-11 years old	Indirect Supervision Required. This is a transitional time and children are accepting more responsibility; however they continue to require indirect supervision. Sponsor should know child's location and activities. Emergency contact available.	YES Ten years old for up to 1 hour. Eleven year olds up to 3 hours (occasionally not on a daily basis). Must have access to indirect supervision (neighbor, checking with sponsor by phone).*	NO	YES With ready access to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check in with the sponsor, parent, or caregiver hourly. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to the child in crisis. Child should take into consideration due to child's maturity and any limitations or special needs.	YES Not more than ten minutes and the keys MUST be removed and the parking brake applied.	YES Eleven year olds may sit aiblings 6 years and older for up to 1 hour. Ten year olds may not sit siblings. Child's maturity and knowledge of emergency protocols should be considered.	NO
12-13 years old	Indirect Supervision Required. Children are approaching the adolescent years when there is need for increased responsibility should be carefully evaluated.	YES For up to six hours with ready access to adult supervision and intermiment contact with a supervisor.*	NO	YES With access to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on the child or has the child check in person or by the hpone every 2 hours. Parent must know child's location and activity and respond to the child within 1 hour. Parents should take into consideration the child's maturity and any limitations or special needs.	YES	YES Up to 6 hours during daylight hours.	YES Limit up to 6 hours. Not overnight. Babysitter Course required.
14-16 years olds	Children continue to need to know how to access Sponsor and guidance for emergency situations. Sponsors are responsible for their actions.	YES No longer than 9 hours with ready access to adult supervision.	NO	YES With access to adult supervision by phone or designated caregiver within 2 hours. Contact must be made every 3 hours.	YES	YES	YES May sit up to 9 hours, not overnight. Babysitter Course Required.
17-18 years old	Sponsors are responsible for their children and their actions as long as Family Member status is maintained.	YES No More than two consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision.	YES Indirect Supervision	YES Time is left up to the Sponsor's decretion.	YES	YES	YES Babysitter Course required.

American Red Cross Babysitters' Training Class: POC 257-8848 is required to care for any minor child sitting children other than immediate family members. To report violations of this policy that may constitute child neglect, please call PMO 257-1018/2123 and Family Advocacy Hotline 216-7175.

*Unless there is a pattern of behavioral misconduct indicating otherwise.

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