

FORT BRAGG POLICY OR PRECEDENT

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1. SUBJECT Home Alone Policy		2. MASTER POLICY NO. 87
3. ORIGINATOR IMBG-MWC	4. PHONE NUMBER (910) 396-0124/1951	5. DATE ESTABLISHED 18 July 2012

6. SYNOPSIS: (if more space is needed, use reverse side.)

a. Purpose. To establish an XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg policy which will ensure the safety of children by not leaving them unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health or safety.

b. Applicability. This policy applies to all children ages 17 years and under who live in quarters on Fort Bragg or use Fort Bragg facilities. This policy also applies to children walking to and from school and at bus stops on Fort Bragg.

c. Definitions:

(1) Adult. A person age 18 and older who reasonably can be expected to provide adequate supervision for a child.

(2) Child. A person age 17 and younger.

d. Levels of Supervision. Fort Bragg recognizes the following levels of supervision:

(1) Direct Supervision. On-site supervision is provided by an adult or a parent-designated responsible person. A child in grades 7-12 may provide the supervision for non-siblings if they have completed the Army Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) Baby-sitter certification class or equivalent. Although strongly encouraged, a child in grades 7-12 need not have completed the Army CYSS Baby-sitter certification class or equivalent to care for a sibling. A child in grades 7 or 8 will provide direct supervision for no more than four consecutive hours per day.

(2) Monitored Care. An adult is aware of a child's location and activities, and ensures the child is capable and knowledgeable in handling emergency situations. To facilitate timely responses to emergency situations, the child will know how to contact by phone a parent or a responsible adult, designated by the parent, who lives in close proximity to the monitored child's home. The parent or designated adult must check in with the child as circumstances dictate, but at least once every two hours.

(3) Self Care. Child must be mature and competent in home alone skills, and be able to contact a parent or designated adult in case of emergency. Competence in home alone skills includes possessing the necessary physical, emotional, intellectual, and social skills to respond appropriately to a small crisis (such as being locked out of the house or losing electricity) or an emergency (fire, severe weather, accidents requiring first aid). It also includes possessing a level of maturity and discipline to follow rules or guidelines established by a parent.

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e. Minimum Levels of Supervision for children on Fort Bragg:

GRADES/AGES	LEVEL OF SUPERVISION	LENGTH OF TIME
0 yrs to 4th Grade	Direct Supervision	At all times
5th and 6th Grade (at least 10 yrs)	Monitored Care	2 consecutive hours
7th and 8th Grade	Self Care	4 consecutive hours
9th thru 10th Grade	Self Care	6 consecutive hours
11th thru 12th Grade (age 16-17)	Self Care	10 consecutive hours

Children ages 16-17 may be under self-care overnight in their assigned quarters. "Overnight" is defined as 2200-0500 Sunday through Thursday and 2300-0500 Friday through Saturday.

f. It is a parental responsibility to provide for the appropriate level of supervision of their children. This policy uses age and education level of the child as the primary factor in establishing an appropriate minimum level of supervision. However, the parent must use good judgement and common sense in deciding whether the child's maturity and ability to care for one's self dictates a greater degree of supervision.

g. A violation of this policy will be referred to the Case Review Committee, in accordance with AR 608-18, the Family Advocacy Program, paragraph 2-3, 30 October 2007, for a determination as to whether the circumstances constitute child neglect. In addition, parents may face administrative and/or punitive action for child neglect.

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