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COMFLEACT CHINHAЕ INSTRUCTION 1710.4B

Subj: SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN HOME ALONE AND SELF CARE POLICY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1700.9E

Encl: (1) CFAC Child and Youth Programs Self Release Form

1. Purpose. To establish the policy Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae (CFAC) on standards for child supervision.
2. Cancellation. CFACINST 1710.4A.
3. Applicability. These procedures are applicable to all military members, civilian employees, and their families assigned to or visiting United States Fleet Activities Chinhae (FAC).
4. Discussion. Parents and guardians are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times. Self-Care is defined as care where the child is responsible for him or herself and generally includes children who are left unattended before or after school and during school vacations/holidays.
5. Policy. Establishes acceptable parameters and provides guidance to parents, enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the general community concerning minimum acceptable standards of supervision for children onboard FAC. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of minor family members and dependents at all times and for ensuring that such persons obey the provisions of the policy.
6. Procedures. No child of any age will be left unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health and safety. Each child is unique; personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity levels are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents should assess their children's maturity and, if necessary, raise the minimum age limits outlined below. The following minimum community standards are:

Age	Left alone in quarters	Left alone overnight	Left alone on playground	Left in Car Unsupervised	Left alone in Public Areas
0-5	No	No	No	No	No
6-9	No	No	Yes*	No	Yes*
10-11	Yes**	No	Yes**	Yes	Yes**
12-15	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
16-17	Yes	Yes***	Yes	Yes	Yes
18+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Adult within hearing or visual contact

**Not more than four hours

*** With access to a designated adult

a. Children ages five and younger shall be directly supervised while on government property. Children of this age must be under direct parental or designated adult supervision. Designated adult supervision is defined as a professional (e.g., teacher, CYP professional, etc.) or an American Red Cross certified babysitter, age 12 or older for periods not to exceed nine hours.

b. Children ages six to nine must be within sight and sound of the person responsible for their supervision. Children in grades three and above are exempt from the "Outside and Unattended" rule when going to and from CYP programs. Children in this age range should know their address and phone number. These children may walk to/from CYP programs unattended with parental discretion. Only children age eight and older may ride their bikes without adult supervision. Each child must wear proper protective equipment and adhere to the safety standards set by the command.

c. Children ages 10 to 11 shall be provided general supervision and parents shall have knowledge of their whereabouts always. They shall be left alone in quarters for no longer than four hours. The children must know what to do in an emergency and be able to contact the parents at all times.

d. Children ages 12 to 15 may not be left alone in the home for periods of more than ten hours. Leaving a child of this age for more than 10 hours requires adult supervision or a babysitter older than the age of 16. Children ages 12-17 may supervise siblings; however, it is strongly recommended that they be certified as American Red Cross babysitters. They shall not be left unattended in the home overnight.

e. Children age 16 to 17 may be home alone, and left alone in quarters overnight, if there is a designated adult in the area who has been notified by the parents to be responsible for the child in their absence. The designated adult must be given the following

Information: length of absence, time and date of departure and return, name, address, phone number where the parents can be reached and a second emergency contact name and number.

f. Family members age 18 are considered adults and should be treated as such, unless they have a mental or physical disability that would prevent them from being left unattended.

g. Only authorized parents, individuals designated by the parent, or siblings 16 and older with parent consent are authorized to sign children out of CDC/SAC/Youth programs.

h. Parents giving their children ages six to 12 permission to sign themselves in and out of the CYP programs must complete and sign enclosure (1), which will be maintained in the child's CYP file. Each time a child signs out of the CYP program the person at the front desk with call or text the parent (or a designated person) to inform them of the child's departure time.

i. Requirement for Child Sitters:

(1) Minors ages 12 and older may child sit children under the age of 11 for their immediate family members or other families' children.

(2) It is mandatory to take the American Red Cross babysitter course prior to child sitting for children who are not immediate family members.

(3) Qualified child sitters ages 12-13 may child sit for up to three hours. Qualified child sitters ages 14-17 may child sit children for a period not to exceed nine hours per day.

7. Point of Contact. Parents who have questions about this policy may contact the CYP Director at DSN: 762-5381 or Commercial: 055-540-5381.


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