

### Child Supervision Age Matrix Appendix A

Sponsors and Parents are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community.

Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little to no supervision.

Sponsors and Parents are responsible for making this decision. The following are the community standards. These guidelines apply to all military, DOD and invited Contractors personnel living on or off post.

Age of child	Required Supervision	Left Alone at Home	Left Alone overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Walk to School/ Bus Stop Alone	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Newborn to 5 years	Close supervision at all times	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
6 years	Direct Supervision*	NO	NO	With immediate access + (visual sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision. Responsible adult must have physical access to child within 60 sec.	NO	NO	NO	NO
7 years	Direct Supervision*	NO	NO	With immediate access + (visual sight and hearing distance) to adult supervision. Responsible adult must have physical access to child within 60 seconds.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop with a buddy.	NO	NO	NO
8 to 9 years	Direct Supervision*	NO	NO	With ready access++ to an adult in the immediate area in case of emergency. Sponsor/ parent knows location and activity of child.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop with a buddy.	NO	NO	NO
10 years	Indirect Supervision** (Recommended CYS Home Alone Training)	YES <1hr	NO	With ready access to adult supervision. Sponsor checks on child or has child check in with sponsor, parent or caregiver hourly. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to child in crisis	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop.	YES<10 min Keys MUST be removed and parking brake applied	NO	NO
11 years	Indirect Supervision** (Recommended CYS Home Alone Training)	YES <3hrs	NO	With ready access ++ to adult supervision. Sponsor/parent checks on child or has child check in with sponsor/parent or caregiver hourly. Ready access can be accomplished with cell phone. Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to child in crisis.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES<10 min Keys MUST be removed and parking brake applied	YES Siblings 6 years and older for up to 1 hour	NO
12-13 years	Indirect Supervision**	YES <6hrs with ready access to adult supervision and intermittent contact with an adult*	NO	With access ++ to adult supervision. Sponsor/ Parent checks on child or has the child check in person or by phone every 2 hrs. Parent must know child's location and activity and respond to child in crisis within 30 minutes.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES	YES <6hrs during daylight hours	YES Limit <6hrs. Not overnight. Babysitters course required
14-15 years	Indirect Supervision**	Yes <9 hrs with ready access to adult supervision	NO	With ready access to adult supervision by phone or a designated caregiver within 2hrs. Contact must be made every 3 hrs.	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES	YES	YES Limit <9hrs. Not overnight. Babysitters course required
16-18 years	Indirect Supervision**	Yes <2 consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision	Yes <2 consecutive overnight periods with access to adult supervision	At Sponsor's discretion	May walk unaccompanied to and from school/ bus stop .	YES	YES	YES Babysitters course required

\*Direct Supervision- Having a parent or designated caregiver physically present with child or within immediate distance and available to respond to the child's need.

\*\*Indirect Supervision-Parent or designated caregiver is not in the same room, area or unable to hear or see child directly but still able to monitor the child's safety.

+Immediate access- Parent or caregiver is within physical eyesight, e.g. at the playground, dark, etc. and within hearing distance and able to respond in 60 seconds.

++Ready access- At a minimum, telephone access and telephone number of each person designated as adult supervision, e.g., a parent, guardian, babysitter, care provider, or friend, etc. Ready Access can be accomplished with a cell phone.

Must be 30 minutes or less to respond to the child in crisis.

Requirements for DoDEA may differ if you have questions please reach out to Humphreys Transportation Office.