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From: Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka

Subj: SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AND CURFEW

Ref: (a) CFAYINST 11101.29C CH-1

Encl: (1) Commander, FLEACT Yokosuka Youth Supervision Policy Statement
(2) Commander, FLEACT Yokosuka Youth Supervision Guidelines Chart

1. Purpose. To issue Commander, Fleet Activities (FLEACT) Yokosuka Youth Supervision Policy Statement. This instruction and associated enclosures supersedes policies set forth in Section 105 of Chapter 1 of reference (a).

2. Action

a. Enclosure (1) sets forth Commander, FLEACT Yokosuka youth supervision policy statement.

b. Enclosure (2) is a chart providing a visual representation of the policy set forth in enclosure (1).

c. Enclosures (1) and (2) should be continually assessed and reviewed to ensure they reflect current practice and organization. Any suggested changes or updates to these enclosures should be forwarded to the Administrative Officer (AO).

3. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of September 2019.

4. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, FSO will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DOD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40. This instruction will automatically expire five years after its issuance date unless reissued or canceled prior to the five-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.


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COMMANDER, FLEET ACTIVITIES YOUTH SUPERVISION
POLICY STATEMENT

1. Purpose. We are reminded daily that the world is an uncertain place, obligating us to do everything we can to protect our children. As such, parents and guardians are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times, whether on or off base.

2. Applicability. This policy applies to all military members, civilian employees and their family members assigned to or visiting Fleet Activities (FLEACT) Yokosuka, including Ikego housing areas. Any minor violating the curfew policy will be detained by base security until their sponsor; guardian or representative of the sponsor's command assumes custody.

3. General

a. Sponsors and legal guardians are ultimately responsible for the health, welfare, and safety of their children at all times. Sponsors and parents must use good judgement and consider the physical, emotional, and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision the child requires. Taking into account their children's maturity, parents and guardians may always raise the minimum age limits provided in this instruction and shall when determined necessary. Failure to exercise those parental responsibilities may constitute child neglect.

b. Repeated or particularly egregious violations may provide a basis for referral to Family Advocacy and/or revocation of command sponsorship for the family; however, a violation of this policy alone does not mandate a referral to Family Advocacy.

4. Policy

a. The child supervision age matrix is attached to this policy letter. The matrix operates as a tool to avoid instances of child neglect and serves as a guideline on the appropriate level of adult supervision for children.

b. Child neglect will be determined based on the facts and circumstances of each incident. Each child is unique with different personalities, environment, developmental progress and maturity level. The matrix cannot cover every possible situation involving the supervision of children. At no time shall any child be left unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health or safety.

5. Definitions

a. "Caregiver". Sponsor, parent, designated adult (18 years old or older), sibling (11 years old or older) or other family member (11 years old or older), Family Child Care Provider, Child Developmental Center or School-Age Center employee (whose duty responsibilities include the

supervision of children), and babysitter. This list is not exhaustive and may include other trusted individuals the legal guardian of the child deems appropriate.

- b. “Access”. The child has the ability to make immediate contact (in person or electronically) with the caregiver and the caregiver has the ability to intervene appropriately to prevent harm to the child.
- c. “Overnight”. The entirety of the timeframe between the hours of 2400 and 0530.
- d. “Adult supervision”. Someone 18 years or older who accepts responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, sibling, care provider or friend.
- e. “Organized activities”. Activities where adults are present, and where the adults are providing custodial care and oversight. Examples include to and from school, school clubs and activities, Boy Scout/Girl Scout meetings, Youth Sports practices and games, and leisure classes such as piano or martial arts classes.
- f. “Minors”. Under the age of 18.

6. Curfew for Minors. Curfew for all minors is in effect daily from 2230 until 0530. For 17 and 18 year olds, curfew is modified and in effect from 2400 until 0530 on Fridays, Saturdays, holidays and during official school breaks. No minor will be out of his or her home or in a car on base when curfew is in effect. Exceptions to this policy apply if:

- a. The minor is with a parent or responsible adult. **NOTE:** A responsible adult is a person who is 18 years of age or older and not in high school.
- b. The minor is returning from a base or school sponsored activity for teenagers, a base sanctioned sports activity, a youth program, or from a movie at the base movie theater; allowing for a reasonable amount of time for transit between this activity and home.
- c. The minor is returning from his and her job; allowing for a reasonable amount of time for transit between this activity and home.
- d. The minor is returning from an organized activity; allowing for a reasonable amount of time for transit between this activity and home.

7. Since each child is unique, every parent, guardian, or designated adult caregiver must exercise reasonable judgement before leaving a child unsupervised. Important variables to consider are:

- a. The maturity of the child and age-appropriate responsibilities given to the child.
- b. Any physically or emotionally disabling conditions the child may have.

- c. The child's knowledge of and ability to apply emergency procedures.
 - d. The child's accessibility to parents or other designated and informed adults.
 - e. The child's developmental milestones.
8. Off-Limits Areas. Off-limits areas include but are not limited to uninhabited housing areas, tunnels, wooded areas, areas that are fenced off, and private residences without the adult occupant's permission.
9. Guardians are subject to all regulations and guidance provided by other Commander, FLEACT Yokosuka instructions, Department of Defense Education Activity rules, and federal / non-federal entity or private organization operating procedures.

| COMMANDER, FLEET ACTIVITIES YOKOSUKA YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES | | | | | | | |
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| The ages specified are the minimum ages and are based on the child's ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children/youth who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. In all instances below where "yes" is indicated, youth in the specified age bracket may be left alone/perform activity. The parent is responsible for using reasonable judgement at all times. | | | | | | | |
| Age of Child | Leave Unsupervised in Quarters for Less Than 2 Hours | Leave Unsupervised in Quarters for More Than 2 Hours but Less Than 8 Hours | In Public Areas Unattended | Walk to & from organized activities | Left Alone Overnight in Quarters | Babysitting (Red Cross Babysitting Course highly encouraged) | Left unattended in Vehicle |
| Ages 4 and under | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Ages 5 and 6 | NO | NO | Yes; with access to caregiver. | NO | NO | NO | NO |
| Ages 7, 8, and 9 | NO | NO | Yes; with access to caregiver. | Yes; | NO | NO | NO |
| Ages 10 and 11 | Yes with access to caregiver | NO | Yes; | YES | NO | NO | Yes 15 min max, keys removed, and windows cracked when necessary |
| Ages 12 and 13 | Yes; with access to caregiver | Yes; with access to caregiver | Yes; | YES | NO | Yes; not to exceed 8 hours and <u>No</u> overnight | YES |
| Ages 14 and 15 | Yes; with access to caregiver | Yes; with access to caregiver | Yes; | YES | Yes; not to exceed 1 night; with access to adult supervision | Yes; <u>No</u> overnight. | YES |
| Ages 16 and 17 <small>(Age 18 or HS Graduate are considered adults)</small> | YES | YES | Yes | YES | Yes; not to exceed 5 consecutive nights; guardian conducts periodic checks | Yes; overnight permitted for <u>ONE</u> night. | YES |
| CURFEW | | | | | | | |
| Applies to all persons under the age of 18 . | | | | | | | |
| Persons subject to curfew must be in quarters or with parent/designated caregiver while curfew is in effect. | | | | | | | |
| On Base - Weekends 2400-0530 (Friday evening through Sunday morning, Holidays, and Official School Breaks). | | | | | | | |
| On Base - Weekdays 2200-0530 (Sunday night through Friday morning). | | | | | | | |
| Playgrounds - sunset to sunrise | | | | | | | |
| Definitions: | | | | | | | |
| • Adult supervision is someone 18 years or older who accepts responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, sibling, care provider, friend. | | | | • Organized activities are activities where adults are present and where the adults are providing custodial care and oversight. | | | |
| • A Caregiver is a designated adult/babysitter that accepts responsibility for the child | | | | • Periodic checks are when a caregiver meets with the minor in person | | | |
| • Access is when the child has the ability to make immediate contact (in-person or electronically) with the caregiver. | | | | • Public areas include parks, playgrounds, sports fields, recreational areas, trails, buildings that are not quarters, etc. | | | |
| • Immediate access is within eyesight or hearing distance from the child | | | | • Off-limits areas include uninhabited housing areas, tunnels, wooded areas, and areas that are fenced off. | | | |
| • Overnight is the entirety of the timeframe between 2400 and 0530 | | | | | | | |