

Important Reminder for Parents!

Fort Hood Out-of-School Supervision Policy

According to Fort Hood Regulation 210-48:

“Parents are accountable for the conduct of their minor children. Unsupervised children are subject to at-risk behaviors to include: victimization, early sexual activity, substance abuse, vandalism/petty crimes. Parents are liable for damages caused by the negligent or unlawful conduct of their children.

The following standards of supervision are enforced on children 12 years and younger:

- Children 10 years-old and under (or 11 years-old if in the 5th grade) will have direct supervision (that is, line of sight) by a(n):
 - ✓Adult
 - ✓Parent
 - ✓Child & Youth Services Staff
 - ✓Designated “responsible” teenager, who is at least 13 years old
 - ✓12-year-old, who is in the 6th grade and has completed the American Red Cross Babysitter Certification Course (limited to no more than 6 hours)
- Children 11 years-old (or 12 years, if in the 6th grade) will have monitored supervision.
- Children 12 years-old (or 11, if in the 6th grade) may be left unattended for no more than 6 hours, between the hours of 0600 to 2100, during a 24-hour period. Additionally, this age group may sign themselves in/out of a youth center for no more than 6 hours per day during youth center operating hours.
- Parents may designate an adult neighbor, who the child (11 years-old, or 12, if in the 6th grade) may physically check in with at intervals. Intervals are defined as no more than 6 hours. A child cannot be in “check-in” status between the hours of 2100 and 0600.
- Parents must ensure that the child (11 years-old, or 12, if in the 6th grade) is capable and knowledgeable in handling emergency situations.
- Teenagers, between the ages of 13 and 15, may be left unattended between the hours of 0600 and 2100, but not to exceed 8 hours during a 24-hour period.

- Teenagers, between the ages of 16 and 18 years (and still in high school), will not be left unattended for more than 12 hours during a 24-hour period.
- While walking to and from school, children in grades pre-kindergarten through 1st grade must have direct supervision (line of sight) by a(n):
 - ✓ Adult
 - ✓ Parent
 - ✓ Designated “responsible” teenager, who is at least 13 years-old.
 - ✓ 12 year-old, who is in the 6th grade and has completed the American Red Cross Babysitter Certification Course.
 - ✓ Child, Youth, and School Services provider.
- Every Soldier, employee, and Family Member of the military community must report known violations of this policy to the Family Advocacy Program (287-CARE) or to the police (287-2176). Police officers respond to complaints of violations of this policy.
- Action taken by the military police, when a child is found unattended is contingent upon the degree of danger in which the child is found. Police officers take the following actions when a child is found without proper supervision:
 - ✓ Safeguard and identify
 - ✓ Detain and return to parental control
 - ✓ Notify 287-CARE
- Parents are responsible for ensuring compliance with the Out of School Child/Youth Supervision Policy. Violations of this policy place children at risk and may result in action taken by:
 - ✓ Department of Emergency Services.
 - ✓ Directorate of Public Works – Housing Services Office
 - ✓ Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program
 - ✓ Department of Social Work.
 - ✓ Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Child Protective Services.”