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This instruction establishes juvenile curfew and supervision policies that affect all military family members and guests on MacDill Air Force Base (AFB).

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision updates office symbols, form numbers, and wing designation. Responsibility for compliance and administration of this instruction is delegated to the Commander, 6th Support Group (6 SPTG/CC). A “|” indicates revised material since the last edition.

1. Curfew Policy.

- 1.1. Unsupervised family members and guests under the age of 16 years will not loiter, play, drive, walk, or wander on any part of MacDill AFB, including all housing areas, between the hours of:
 - 1.1.1. 2200 - 0500, Sunday through Thursday nights.
 - 1.1.2. 2400 - 0500, Friday and Saturday nights and evenings before legal holidays.
- 1.2. Family members and guests under the age of 16 years will leave all base activities in sufficient time to comply with the established curfew hours and go to their homes by the most direct sidewalk or street. Loitering in the areas of base facilities after their closing is prohibited.
- 1.3. Unaccompanied family members and guests will not enter any building, structure, or area not expressly designed for their use unless prior approval has been obtained from the controlling agency.
- 1.4. The military sponsor, parent, or another responsible adult will personally escort family members' children and guests after curfew hours.

2. Exceptions to Curfew Policy.

- 2.1. If requested in writing by the military sponsor, an extension of the curfew hours may be granted by 6 SPTG/ CC.
- 2.2. Curfew hours may be extended by 6 SPTG/CC for special community activities. These extensions will be published in the official bulletin and/or base newspaper.

3. Violations of Curfew.

- 3.1. 6th Security Forces Squadron (6 SFS) patrols will detain curfew violators and transport them to Building 528, Security Forces Control Center. The military sponsor or parent will be notified and requested to respond and receive custody of his/her family member(s) or guest(s). In the event the parent or sponsor cannot be contacted, the sponsor's first sergeant and/or commander will be notified, and respond to assume custody of the juvenile until contact with the sponsor is established by the person assuming custody. (**NOTE:** The first sergeant or commander may designate an individual from their squadron to respond and assume custody.)
- 3.2. In all cases, a blotter entry will be accomplished on the Security Forces Blotter without indicating the juvenile's name or the name of the sponsor. The blotter entry will contain the sponsor's organization and the juvenile's age and gender. In addition, an AF Form 3545, **Incident Report**, will be accomplished for curfew violations and notification will be made to Family Advocacy.
- 3.3. Incident/complaint reports documenting violations of this instruction may be referred to the Juvenile Corrections Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"). Pursuant to MACDI 51-100, Disposition of Juvenile Misconduct Cases, the Board shall have the authority to hear any and all cases involving violations of this instruction. The Board administrator shall have the primary responsibility to determine whether the referred case is worthy of the Board's consideration. Upon presentation to the Board, the Board shall have the authority and discretion to recommend to the installation commander the imposition of any punishment or combination of punishments as prescribed under MACDI 51-100.

4. Juvenile Supervision.

4.1. These guidelines are written to assist the parents with developing a child safety plan. It is important before deciding to leave children alone to assess whether or not the children are comfortable being left alone, whether they are emotionally mature enough to be left alone and, finally, whether or not there is a safety plan in place. In general, always use common sense to guide your actions. Remember, if you leave your child alone and something happens that could have been prevented by the presence of adequate supervision, you may be held responsible for the consequences of your child's actions. When leaving your child alone for the first time, do so only for a short period of time and work up to longer periods. Family Advocacy recommends the following Home Alone Guidelines:

4.1.1. In the community:

- 4.1.1.1. Age 5 and under: Need constant supervision. Cannot walk to school unless under the supervision of an adult or a child at least 9 years old.
- 4.1.1.2. Ages 6 to 8: Need periodic supervision (recommend hourly checks). Can play outside in the vicinity of their own homes as long as they are not near high traffic areas. They may walk to school. The child must be in a designated area where the supervisor can check on him/

her and the child must know where their supervisor is at all times.

4.1.1.3. Ages 9 to 15: Need occasional supervision (recommend checks every two to three hours).

4.1.1.4. Ages 16 to 18: Free to be out in community with the express permission of their guardian without direct supervision.

4.1.2. In the home:

4.1.2.1. Age 8 and under: Should not be left unsupervised at home.

4.1.2.2. Ages 9 to 11: Should not be left unsupervised at home except for reasonably short periods of time (recommend up to three hours).

4.1.2.3. Only children 12 years or older may baby-sit. Recommend the Red Cross Babysitting course.

4.1.2.4. When a child age 9 and over is left alone, he/she is left with a key, emergency telephone numbers (including the number where parents can be reached), and the expected time of parent's return. In addition, the child should have the name and telephone number of an adult who can be immediately available in case of an emergency. The designated adult must be aware of his/her responsibility.

4.1.3. In motor vehicles:

4.1.3.1. A child under the age of 9 should not be left unattended in a vehicle for any period of time unless supervised by a child at least 12 years old. Furthermore, the vehicle should not, under any circumstances, be left with the keys in the ignition.

4.2. Children are important to us. We must all ensure their safety and well being. Failure to meet these minimal guidelines places a child in danger, and could result in a referral to Family Advocacy. If guidelines are not followed and a child is injured, the parents could be held responsible.

4.3. For more information on these guidelines, contact the Family Advocacy Program staff members.

5. Responsibilities. The on-duty Flight Chief is responsible for ensuring compliance with the procedures outlined herein. He/she will make a determination of proper action in cases not covered by instructions.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

MACDI 51-100, *Disposition of Juvenile Misconduct Cases*