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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum: Child Supervision

1. Applicability. This policy applies to all military and civilian residents at Family Housing.
2. Proponent. Directorate of Public Works (DPW).
3. Reference. Fairfax County Child Supervision Guidelines.
4. Policy.
  - a. Virginia state statutes do not set a specific age which a child can legally stay alone. Age alone is not a very good indicator of a child's maturity level.
  - b. Children birth – 7 years old will not be left alone for any period of time. This includes leaving children unattended in cars, playgrounds, in your home, or in your yard.
  - c. Youth 8-10 years old may be left alone, adult monitored, during daylight and early evening hours for occasional, short periods of time – up to 1 ½ hours – but not on a regular, self-care basis, such as before and after school every day.
  - d. Youth 11-12 years old may be left in self-care that is monitored for up to 3 hours but not at night.
  - e. Youth 13-15 years old may be left in self-care that is adult monitored, but not overnight.
  - f. Youth 16-17 years old may be left in self-care that is adult monitored for up to two consecutive overnight periods.
  - g. Adult monitored is defined as meeting the following conditions:

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(1) Parent/caretaker has communicated house rules and guidelines for acceptable behavior and youth understands.

(2) Parent/caretaker has communicated safety/emergency plans, and youth is aware of what to do in care of emergency.

(3) Youth in self-care has knowledge of how to access parent or other responsible adult at all times (including knowing the parent/caretaker's whereabouts and having a telephone number where parent can be reached).

5. Point of contact is Ms. Linda Wax, Housing Manager, Directorate of Public Works, 804-633-8445.



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