FORT BRAGG POLICY OR PRECEDENT

(Ft Bragg Memo 25-50)

1. SUBJECT		2. MASTER POLICY NO.
Home Alone Policy		87
3. ORIGINATOR	**4. PHONE NUMBER**	**5. DATE ESTABLISHED**
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6. SYNOPSIS: (if more space is needed, use reverse side.)

a. This XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg policy specifies the level of supervision required for children ages 17 years and under who live in quarters on Fort Bragg or use Fort Bragg facilities. The intent of this policy is to ensure that safety of children by not leaving them unattended under circumstances involving potential or actual risk to the child's health or safety. This policy will stay in effect until rescinded or superseded.

b. It is a parental responsibility to provide for the appropriate level of supervision of their children. This policy uses age and education level of the child as the primary factor in establishing an appropriate minimum level of supervision. However, the parent must use good judgement and common sense in deciding whether the child's maturity and ability to care for one's self dictates a greater degree of supervision.

c. Definitions:

(1) Adult. A person age 18 and older who reasonably can be expected to provide adequate supervision for a child.

(2) Child. A person age 17 and younger.

d. Levels of Supervision. Fort Bragg recognizes the following levels of supervision:

(1) Direct Supervision. On-site supervision is provided by an adult or a parent-designated responsible person. A child in grades 7-12 may provide the supervision for non-siblings if they have completed the American Red Cross (ARC) Baby-sitter certification class or equivalent. Although strongly encouraged, a child in grades 7-12 need not have completed the ARC Baby-Sitter certification class or equivalent to care for a sibling. A child in grades 7 or 8 will provide direct supervision for no more than four consecutive hours per day.

(2) Monitored Care. An adult is aware of a child's location and activities, and ensures the child is capable and knowledgeable in handling emergency situations. To facilitate timely responses to emergency situations, the child will know how to contact by phone a parent or a parent - designated responsible adult who lives in close proximity to the monitored child's home. The parent or designated adult must check in with the child as circumstances dictate, but at least once every two hours.

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7. TYPE POLICY

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- [x] CHANGE
- [ ] REVOCATION

8. IDENTIFY POLICY AFFECTED

This policy supersedes Master Policy No. 87, dated 11 February 2004.

9. LAST REVIEWED

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10. APPROVED:

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(3) Self Care. Child must be mature and competent in home alone skills, and be able to contact a parent or designated adult in case of emergency. Competence in home alone skills includes possessing the necessary physical, emotional, intellectual, and social skills to respond appropriately to a small crisis (such as being locked out of the house or losing electricity) or an emergency (fire, severe weather, accidents requiring first aid). It also includes possessing a level of maturity and discipline to follow rules or guidelines established by a parent.

e. Minimum Levels of Supervision. Following are the minimum levels of supervision for children on Fort Bragg:

GRADES/AGES	LEVEL OF SUPERVISION	LENGTH OF TIME
0 yrs to 4th Grade	Direct Supervision	At all times
5th and 6th Grade (at least 10 yrs)	Monitored Care	2 consecutive hrs
7th and 8th Grade	Self Care	4 consecutive hrs
9th thru 10th Grade	Self Care	6 consecutive hrs
11th thru 12th Grade (age 16 - 17)	Self Care	10 consecutive hrs

Children age 16 - 17 may be under self-care overnight in their assigned quarters. "Overnight" is defined as 2200-0500 Sunday through Thursday and 2300 - 0500 Friday through Saturday.

f. A violation of this policy will be referred to the Case Review Committee for a determination as to whether the circumstances constitute child neglect. In addition, parents may face administrative and/or punitive action for child neglect.