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**YOUTH SUPERVISION IN
GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED OR
PRIVATIZED FAMILY HOUSING**

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This instruction establishes rules and responsibilities for the supervision of all minor dependents in government-owned or controlled family housing to include privatized housing in which the installation commander has authority. It provides guidelines to ensure the safety of all children at Goodfellow Air Force Base. This instruction applies to all Department of Defense military and family members assigned, attached, in transit, or visiting Goodfellow Air Force Base. Reference: DODI 6060.2, Child Development Programs, Table 1., Section H, and DAFI 34-144 Child and Youth Programs, Paragraph 13.14.3. Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained according to AFMAN 33-322, Records Management and Information Governance Program, and disposed of according to the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims/cfm>. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication; route AF Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. This publication may be supplemented at any level, but all direct supplements must be routed to the OPR of this publication for coordination prior to certification and approval.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Changes were made to the publication to realign it with the most recent Child & Youth DAFI. **Attachment 2** was edited to be more closely aligned with DAFI 34-144.

1. Responsibilities.

1.1. Parents/Caretakers

1.1.1. Must care for their children and provide necessary supervision to ensure their safety. Parents and caretakers should rely on common sense and the information and guidance provided in this instruction to decide at what age their children are old enough to be left unsupervised. In determining the appropriate supervision guideline to follow, parents must consider another factor. In addition to the age of the child, remember each child is unique and their emotional and physical capabilities can vary. Your decision should be based on both factors. Refer to guidelines in [Attachment 2](#).

1.1.2. Adult supervision is defined as someone who has or assumes responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, care provider, friend.

1.1.3. With children of multiple ages in the house, it is not the primary job of the eldest child, but of the parent, to ensure supervision of the younger child/children. Parents must follow the set guidelines—the age of the youngest child determines the appropriate guidelines to follow.

1.2. Youth Center. Will provide a certified Babysitting Course mandatory for sitters.

1.3. Sitters.

1.3.1. Before being allowed to baby-sit, the sitter must take Certified Babysitting Course provided by the Youth Center.

1.3.2. Baby-sitting training to include first aid and CPR offered through the Youth Programs or equivalent required.

1.3.3. Must follow the baby-sitting guidelines in [Attachment 2](#).

2. Rules for Child/Children Left Unattended in Vehicle.

2.1. Children under the age of 7 years cannot be left unattended in a car without adult supervision. Under no circumstance will any child be left in a vehicle with its motor running or with its keys accessible. Refer to the guidelines in [Attachment 2](#).

3. General Rules for Child/Children Left Unattended.

3.1. When children meet age requirements set in [Attachment 2](#), they may be left unattended only if there are no emotional or medical conditions and only if the child is comfortable and fully aware of the situation. In all cases, the children must have emergency telephone numbers and a number to locate a parent or designated, responsible adult.:

3.2. Leaving a child unattended inappropriately may constitute the offense of child neglect. Violations may result in Security Forces reports being forwarded to both the unit commander and Family Advocacy Office for action and concurrent notice to Texas Department of Protective and Regularity Services.

3.3. Making Goodfellow AFB a safe place for children is the responsibility of every member of the Goodfellow community. Make sure your decisions about child supervision are safe and responsible.3.3.1. Administer overall 17 TRW Awards Program for 17 TRW/CC.

4. Points of Contact.

- 4.1. Family Advocacy Office – 654-3122.
- 4.2. Housing Management Office – 654-3491.
- 4.3. Security Forces – 654-3504.
- 4.4. Child & Youth Programs Flight – 654-3164.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFMAN 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 27 Jul 2021

DODI 6060.2, *Child Development Programs*, **Table 1, Section H**, 1 Sep 2020

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, 21 Sep 2009

DAFI 34-144, *Child and Youth Programs*, **Section 13.8.8**, 2 Oct 2024

Adopted Forms

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Attachment 2

YOUTH SUPERVISION GUIDELINES

Figure A2.1. Youth Supervision Guidelines.

Age of Child	Without Sitter in Quarters for Two Hours or Less	Without Sitter in Quarters for More Than Two Hours	Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended	In Car Unattended	Child Sits with Siblings	Child Sits with Others	Able to Self-Release from School or Youth Programs Unattended or May be Released by a Sibling
Under 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	No	No	No	Yes, for playground or yard within visual or hearing distance to adult supervision. At age 6, may walk to and from school.	No	No	No	No, for self-release. Yes, for release to siblings ages 14 and older

	No	No	No	Yes, with access to adult assistance.	Yes, except in hot weather: parking brake applied. 15 minutes in other weather, adult within sight	No	No	No, for self-release. Yes, for release to siblings ages 14 and older
	Yes, with access phone number to adult supervision	No, for ages 9 & 10. Yes, for ages 11 with access to adult assistance for no more than 2 hours	No	Yes	Yes, except in hot weather: parking brake applied	No, for ages 9 & 10. Yes, for 11 years old or 6 th grade: 2 hours maximum	No, for ages 9 & 10. Yes, for 11 years old or 6 th grade: 2 hours maximum	Yes
	Yes	Yes, during daytime hours before curfew. No, after curfew	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

	Yes	Yes	No, for age 15/freshman. Yes, ages 16 and older for short TDYs or leaves not to exceed 5 days. Adult supervision needed to make check ins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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