

Planning for Emergencies

No matter how well you have planned, emergencies do happen. In case of emergency while you are PCSing, it is important for you to have a sponsor. Normally arrangements are made prior to departure for sponsors to meet arrivals at the airport. If you have not been assigned a sponsor, please call the Ramstein A&FRC at DSN 480-5100 or 06371-47-5100.

It is important to remember the following when you are traveling:

- Have all your important paperwork with you, not packed with your household goods
- Have telephone numbers for your Commander, First Sergeant, and Commanders Support Staff (CSS) or Orderly Room
- Your unit should be listed under the major unit listing
- The American Red Cross can be contacted for assistance in an emergency, DSN 480-2171/5464 or 06371-47-2171/5464.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is the first place to look when you are having a genuine financial emergency. The philosophy of AFAS is to meet immediate needs in an emergency situations by offering stabilizing assistance in a step towards a lasting solution to a problem. The society does this by providing emergency financial assistance through interest free loans or grants to Air Force active duty members, retirees, eligible dependents, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel.

Categories of assistance include, but are not limited to medical, basic living, emergency travel, and vehicle expenses.

To apply for emergency assistance, please visit http://www.afas.org/ and click on "Emergency Assistance".

For questions or concerns please contact Ramstein Airman and Family Readiness Center at DSN 314-480-5100/5900, 011-49-6371-47-5100/5900.

For "after hours" emergency assistance, please call 809-463-3376. After the second dial tone, dial the toll free number 1-877-272-7337.

Other Air Force Aid Programs include:

Car Care Because We Care
Child Care for PCS
Child Care for Volunteers
Heart Link
Give Parents a Break
Bundles for Babies
Spouse Tuition Assistance Program
HAP Arnold Educational Scholarship
Youth Employment Skills (YES) Program



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross (ARC) is open 24 hours to assist with emergencies and receipt of Worldwide Emergency Notification Messages. For more information call DSN 214-480-2171/5464. For after hour's emergency assistance, please call 809-463-3376. After the second dial tone, dial the toll free number 1-877-272-7337. http://www.redcross.org/