

KMC Child Supervision Policy Matrix

For all Air Force and Army Families in the KMC Area (Not including Baumholder)

This matrix provides standards for the supervision of children within the KMC. Parents are ultimately responsible for the welfare and actions of their children, and failure to exercise those parental responsibilities may constitute child neglect. Parents must use good judgment and consider the physical, emotional and psychological maturity of their child when determining the level of supervision required. Children with a history of ADHD, ADD, Developmental Delay, behavior problems, impulsivity, psychiatric problems or other impairments should not be given the degree of self-management/responsibility indicated in this policy.

PARENTS ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR CHILDREN.

Age of Child	Unattended ¹ in yard or playground?	Walk unattended ¹ to school or bus?	Left unattended ¹ in quarters?	Baby-sit others?
Under 5	No	No	No (Will NOT be left unattended in a parked car - per RABI 2005 31-204 CHP.4.1.21)	No
Age 5 - 6	No	No	No (Will NOT be left unattended in a parked car - per RABI 2005 31-204 CHP.4.1.21)	No
Age 7 - 9	Yes. During daylight hours with access to adult.	Yes, but not across busy streets or more than 1 mile.	No (Will NOT be left unattended in a parked car - per RABI 2005 31-204 CHP.4.1.21)	No
Age 10 - 11	Yes. With access to an adult.	Yes	Yes ² . Up to 3 hours with access to an adult.	No
Age 12 - 13	Yes	Yes	Yes ² . Not over night.	Yes. Not over night.
Age 14 - 15	Yes	Yes	Yes ² . Not to exceed 24 hours.	Yes. Not over night.
Age 16 - 17	Yes	Yes	Yes ² . Not to exceed 3 consecutive days. Must have periodic checks by adult.	Yes. Not to exceed 24 hours.

¹ A child is considered to be “attended” when in the presence of, or under the protection of (within sight or hearing), an appropriate caregiver. Completion of Red Cross Baby-sitting class and Infant/Child CPR is strongly recommended for every teen before caring for other children.

² When left unattended in quarters, children must have access to an adult – parent’s phone number, neighbor, etc. Parents must designate a responsible adult to periodically check in on the children. If left overnight, a medical power of attorney is strongly recommended.