

KADENA AB YOUTH SUPERVISION POLICY

The ages specified are the minimum ages and are based on the child's ability to demonstrate age-appropriate behavior. Children/youth who do not consistently demonstrate age-appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. In all instances below where "yes" is indicated, youth in the specified age bracket may be left alone/perform activity. The parent is responsible for using reasonable judgment and for any incident of mishap (not considered preventable) which occurs.

Age of Child	Leave Unsupervised in Quarters for Less Than 2 Hours	Leave Unsupervised in Quarters for More Than 2 Hours	Outside Unattended (To include public areas)	Walk to & from School	Left Alone Overnight	Babysitting (Red Cross Babysitting Course highly encouraged)	Left in Car
Newborn through Age 4	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Ages 5 and 6	NO	NO	Yes; playground or yard with immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to caregiver. <i>Footnote 2</i>	Yes; if the residence and school are located on the same installation.	NO	NO	NO
Ages 7, 8 and 9	NO	NO	Yes; caregiver must be physically accessible to the child. <i>Footnote 2</i>	YES	NO	NO	Yes - 15 min max - keys removed - windows partially opened - as weather permits
Ages 10 and 11	Yes; with access to caregiver. <i>Footnotes 1 & 2</i>	Yes; not to exceed 4 hrs total; with access to caregiver. <i>Footnotes 1 & 2</i>	Yes; 2 hours max in retail stores	YES	NO	NO	Yes - 30 min max - keys removed - windows partially opened - as weather permits
Ages 12 and 13	YES	Yes; not to exceed 8 hrs total; with access to caregiver. <i>Footnotes 1 & 2</i>	Yes; 4 hours max in retail stores	YES	NO	Yes; not to exceed 6 hours. <u>No</u> overnight.	YES
Ages 14 and 15	YES	YES	Yes; 4 hours max in retail stores	YES	Yes; not to exceed one night; with access to adult supervision; legal guardian must be on the island of Okinawa. <i>Footnote 1</i>	Yes; <u>No</u> overnight.	YES
Ages 16 and 17 (Age 18 or HS Graduate are considered adults)	YES	YES	Yes; 4 hours max in retail stores	YES	Yes; not to exceed 5 consecutive days; guardian must arrange periodic checks. <i>Footnote 3</i>	Yes; overnight permitted for <u>ONE</u> night.	YES

Footnote 1	Standard babysitting course through appropriate Kadena agency is strongly encouraged.	CURFEW Applies to all persons under the age of 18 or 18-20 who are currently enrolled in High School, a secondary school, or receiving other compulsory education. * Persons subject to curfew must be in quarters or with parent/designated caregiver during restriction times. * On Base - Weekends 2400-0530 (Friday evening through Sunday morning). * On Base - Weekdays 2200-0530 (Sunday night through Friday morning). * Off Base - Within Okinawa Prefecture 2200-0500 (Sunday through Saturday).
Footnote 2	Caregiver is defined as a designated adult/babysitter that accepts responsibility for the child.	
Footnote 3	Periodic checks are when the adult meets with the minor in-person.	

- As an explanation:**
- Adult supervision is defined as someone 18 years or older who accepts responsibility for the child, e.g., parent, guardian, sibling, care provider, friend.
 - Caregiver is someone 12 years of age and older. (Red Cross Babysitting Course is highly encouraged)
 - Access is when the child has the ability to make immediate contact (in-person or electronically) with the caregiver.
 - Public areas include parks, playgrounds, sports fields, recreational areas, trails, etc.
 - Off-limits areas include uninhabited housing areas, tunnels, wooded areas, and areas that are fenced off.

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DISCLAIMER FOR ALL AIR FORCE MEMBERS WHO LIVE ON/OFF-BASE AND THOSE WHO RESIDE ON KADENA AB REGARDLESSS OF BRANCH (Includes ALL members who live in Chibana Housing and O'Donnell Gardens): Any violation of these guidelines may be punishable and/or result in command, legal, Kadena Disciplinary Action Program (KDAP) or appropriate agency action. If you have questions or see something concerning, contact your unit Chain of Command or the Family Advocacy Office (DSN 634-0433 or 098-961-0433). If you want to report a safety concern or potential violation, call Law Enforcement at DSN 634-2475 or 098-961-2475.