MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS PACIFIC-MCB CAMP BUTLER ORDER 5800.6

From: Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations Pacific-MCB Camp Butler
To: Distribution List

Subj: CHILD SUPERVISION AND EDUCATION

Ref: (a) Agreement Under Article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States of America and Japan Regarding Facilities and Areas, and the Status of the United States Armed Forces in Japan
(b) MCIPAC-MCBBO 5800.2B

Encl: (1) III MEF/MCIPAC-MCBB Child Supervision Requirements

1. **Situation.** III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) and Marine Corps Installations Pacific-MCB Camp Butler (MCIPAC-MCBB) units and organizations require regulations to ensure minor dependents are properly supervised and educated.

2. **Cancellation.** III MEF/MCIPAC-MCBB 5800.1A.

3. **Mission.** This Order established child education and supervision requirements and prohibits truancy and curfew violations.

4. **Execution**
   
a. **Military Purpose.** The United States is committed to maintaining the security of the Pacific region. An essential component of this mission is safeguarding the security of Japan by maintaining the longstanding alliance between the United States and Japan. Maintaining this requires allowing service members and civilian employees, covered under the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), to be accompanied by their families. Together, our military service members, civilian employees, and their families serve as ambassadors representing the United States to the people of Japan. Per reference (a), we all have a duty to respect the laws of Japan and abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit in which we operate under SOFA status. Pursuant to this duty, and to ensure military good order and discipline and the prevention of discrediting conduct within the SOFA status military community, this Order is established to prevent child neglect and reduce child delinquency and criminal conduct.
b. **Commander’s Intent.** The provisions of this Order are punitive; violations are punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Violations of this Order by civilians and dependents are subject to administrative action for misconduct.

c. **Regulations**

(1) **Curfew Established**

(a) Every person under the age of 18 years or between 18-20 who are currently enrolled in high school, a secondary school, or receiving other compulsory education, not to include emancipated minors, (hereafter referred to as “minor”) is guilty of misconduct by breaking curfew when they:

1. Remain, loiter, idle, or wander about streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks, recreation areas, or other public places on MCIPAC-MCBB or other United States military facilities and areas:

   a. Between the hours of 2200 and 0530 on Sunday night through Friday morning,

   b. Between the hours of 2400 and 0530 on Friday morning through Sunday morning or the evening before or the morning of a federal holiday or any date a primary or secondary school, or other compulsory education (applicable to the minor dependent) is not in session the following day.

2. Remain, loiter, idle, or wander about streets, alleys, sidewalks, parks, recreation areas, or other public places off base (within the Okinawa Prefecture) between the hours 2200 and 0400, Sunday through Saturday.

(b) This guilty finding; however, shall not apply to:

1. A minor person or dependent accompanied by a parent or guardian having legal custody and control of such minor or dependent or;

   2. A spouse of such minor person or dependent over 18 years of age or;

   3. A minor person or dependent upon an emergency errand or;

   4. A minor person or dependent returning directly home from a public meeting, school, entertainment (e.g. movie or theater), or organized recreational activity or;

   5. A minor person or dependent is required to be in or upon a public place incidental to the minor person’s or dependent’s employment.
(c) Every parent, guardian, or other person having legal care, custody, or control of any minor person or dependent who allows or permits by insufficient control such minor person or dependent to violate paragraph 4c(1)(a) of this Order is guilty of misconduct.

(d) Upon any violation of paragraph 4c(1)(a) of this Order, the military police or other military authority on duty shall:

1. Detain the minor person or dependent until the minor person or dependent can be placed in the care and custody of his or her parent or legal guardian, or;

2. Provide a report of the incident to the Magistrate Hearing Officer for appropriate action in accordance with reference (b).

(2) Truancy Prohibited

(a) Because of their lack of maturity and experience, unsupervised minor dependents may involve themselves in unsafe activities by loitering. Some unsupervised minor dependents may engage in criminal activity to the detriment of the military civilian community, and some unsupervised minor dependents may become a burden on military police who must return them to school, wait for parents or legal guardians to pick them up, and investigate any and all criminal activity related to the truancy. Truant minor dependents also lose educational opportunities. In order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the military and civilian overseas community and minor dependents, unsupervised minor dependents shall not loiter in public places during school hours, and they shall not be truant from school or other compulsory education.

(b) It is prohibited for any minor dependent, who is subject to school or other compulsory education (e.g., homeschooling, private tutoring, school independent study, school distance learning), to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, or play in or upon public streets, highways, alleys, recreation areas, playgrounds, parking areas, public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots, or any place open to the public on or off MCIPAC-MCBB facilities and the areas located throughout mainland Japan and Okinawa, during those hours that the minor dependents school or compulsory education is in session. This prohibition shall not apply when:

1. The minor dependent is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian, or adult person having the care and custody of the minor dependent;

2. The minor dependent is upon an emergency errand directed by his or her parent, guardian, or another adult person having the care and custody of the minor dependent;

3. The minor dependent is going directly to, or returning directly from his or her place of school, approved employment, or volunteer service;
4. The minor dependent is going directly to, or returning directly from a medical or dental appointment;

5. The minor dependent has school permission to leave campus for lunch or another school authorized purpose;

6. The minor dependent is home-schooled or has been removed from school by his/her parent and has expressed parental permission to leave their place of instruction for lunch or other parent authorized purposes;

7. The minor dependent is attending, going directly to, or returning directly from a school sponsored activity, such as a sporting event, field trip, movie, or play, or;

8. The minor dependent is going directly to or returning directly from an event or activity that is directly related to any medical condition of a parent, guardian, or another adult person having the care and custody of the minor.

(c) It is a misconduct for the parent, guardian, or another adult person having the care and custody of the minor dependent to knowingly permit or by insufficient control to allow the minor dependent to be in violation of paragraph 4c(2)(b) of the order.

(d) Upon any violation of paragraph 4c(2)(b) of this Order, the military police or other military authority on duty shall:

1. Detail the minor dependent until the dependent can be placed in the care and custody of his or her parent or guardian;

2. Transport the minor dependent to his or her home, or;

3. Return the minor dependent to the school from which the minor dependent was absent;

4. Provide a report of the incident to the Magistrate Hearing Officer for appropriate action in accordance with reference (b).

(e) The parent, guardian, or another adult person having the care and custody of a minor dependent must ensure that the minor dependent is either enrolled in and regularly attends public school, private school, parochial school, home school, or a combination of schools for the full term of the school year, or ensure that the minor dependent receives and education in compliance with compulsory education laws of the minor deponent’s domicile state. The requirement shall not apply when:

1. Competent authority determines that the minor dependent is mentally or physically incapacitated and may be excused from school attendance for any or all of the school term, or;
2. In compliance with compulsory education laws of the minor dependent’s domicile state, the child is properly excused from school attendance after the parent, guardian, or person having care and custody of the minor dependent lawfully requests that the child be excused.

(3) Child Supervision Required

(a) It is misconduct for the parent, guardian, or another adult person having the care and custody of the minor dependent to fail to supervise (i.e., exercise reasonable control over) the minor dependent. Violations of the Child Supervision Requirements in the enclosure establish a presumption of unreasonable control.

(b) A failure to supervise a minor dependent may be evidence of child neglect. The military police and the Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) Family Advocacy Program Manager will review and assess reports of alleged child neglect for any appropriate action.

(c) Violations of the Child Supervision Requirements in the enclosure, or failures to supervise a minor dependent shall be reported to law enforcement, the Family Advocacy Program, and the Magistrate Hearing Officer for appropriate action in accordance with reference (b).

5. Administration and Logistics

a. The point of contact (POC) for child supervision issues: MCCS Behavioral Health Family Advocacy Program, DSN: 645-2915.


6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to members of the United States Armed Forces, dependents, and members of the civilian component assigned to MCIPAC-MCBB installation commands, III MEF, and other tenants and activities operating in MCIPAC-MCBB facilities and areas in Japan.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

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DISTRIBUTION: III MEF: List I, II
MCIPAC-MCBB: List A
# III MEF/MCIPAC-MCBB CHILD SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

**T**his below matrix applies to all SOFA status personnel both on/off installation.

Child/youth who do not consistently demonstrate age appropriate behavior should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities.

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<th>AGE</th>
<th>Leave Unsupervised in Quarters for Less than 2 Hours</th>
<th>Leave Unsupervised in Quarters for More than 2 Hours</th>
<th>Leave in Public Areas</th>
<th>Walk to School and/or Bus Stop</th>
<th>Leave Alone Overnight</th>
<th>Babysit/Supervise Siblings or Others</th>
<th>Leave in Car Unsupervised</th>
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<td>0-4</td>
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<td>5-6</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES (Playground or Yard within Visual Sight/Hearing Distance to Adult/Sibling Supervision)</td>
<td>YES (If Residence and School are Located on the Same Installation)</td>
<td>NO</td>
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<td>7-9</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES (Physical Access to Designated Adult or Babysitter)</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES (15 Minutes Max Keys Removed, Windows Partially Opened)</td>
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<td>10-11</td>
<td>YES (With Access to Designated Adult)</td>
<td>YES (Not to Exceed 4 Hours Total; with Access to Designated Adult)</td>
<td>YES (2 Hours max in Retail Stores (BX, Food Court, etc.))</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>NO</td>
<td>YES (30 Minutes Max Keys Removed, Windows Partially Opened)</td>
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<td>12-13</td>
<td>YES (Not to Exceed 8 Hours; with Access to Designated Adult)</td>
<td>YES (4 Hours Max at Retail Stores)</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>YES (1),(2) (Not to Exceed 6 Hours)</td>
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<td>14-15</td>
<td>YES (Not to Exceed 1 Night; with Access to Adult Supervision; Legal Guardian must be on the Island of Okinawa.)</td>
<td>YES (4 Hours Max at Retail Stores)</td>
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<td>YES (Overnight Permitted for ONE Night)</td>
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### AS AN EXPLANATION

1. **(1)** Does not include overnight.
2. **(2)** Red Cross Babysitting Course is highly encouraged.

- Adult supervision is defined as someone 18 years or older who has been appropriately granted responsibility for the child (e.g. parent, guardian, sibling, care provider, friend).
- A babysitter is someone between the ages of 12 and 17 (paid or unpaid). Red Cross Babysitting Course is highly encouraged.
- To babysit/supervise sibling or others, the child must be at least 12 years old. Red Cross Babysitting Course is highly encouraged.
- Designated adult is a specific prearranged individual who accepts responsibility for children.
- Access is when the child has the ability to make immediate face-to-face contact, in person or electronically with the adult.
- Checking periodically is when the designated adult or sponsor and child have a face-to-face meeting.
- Left alone overnight is defined as during or lasting the night, the period between sunset and sunrise, when a sponsor or designated adult is not physically present.
- Public areas in parks, playgrounds, sports fields, recreational areas and other public areas.
- Unsupervised means when a child is not constantly monitored by the sponsor or a designated adult/care provider.

### 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 adult during restricted times.
- OFF BASE (WITHIN OKINAWA PREFECTURE): 2200-0400 Sunday through Saturday
- ON BASE: 2200-0530 Weekdays (Sunday Night through Friday Morning)
- ON BASE: 2400-0530 Weekends (Friday Morning through Sunday Morning), holidays, and any time school is not in session the following day.