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## NTC GREAT LAKES (COMPLEX<sup>2</sup>) INSTRUCTION 1754.5

From: Commander, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes

Subj: HOME ALONE POLICY

Ref: (a) DoDINST 6060.3

1. Purpose. The Navy's concern for the welfare of families and self-care for children have resulted in a policy that establishes specific rules for self-care and the supervision of children on base and in government family housing.

2. Background. Self-care is defined as care when the child is responsible for him/herself and generally includes children who are responsible for themselves before or after school, during school vacations, and holidays.

3. Scope. This policy applies to all military members and their family members assigned to Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, who reside in family quarters on base. Any minor who violates this policy will be detained by Security until his or her sponsor, guardian, or a representative of the sponsor's command assumes custody. Violations may provide a basis for referral to the Family Advocacy Program and/or revocation of command sponsorship for the family.

4. Policy. Per reference (a), the following policy applies to minors:

| Age of Child | May be Left Unattended in Quarters | May be Left Alone Overnight | May be Left on Playground Unsupervised | May be Left in Car Unsupervised |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 0-5          | No                                 | No                          | No                                     | No                              |
| 6-9          | No                                 | No                          | Yes*                                   | No                              |
| 10-11        | Yes**                              | No                          | Yes                                    | Yes                             |
| 12-15        | Yes                                | No                          | Yes                                    | Yes                             |
| 16-17        | Yes                                | Yes***                      | Yes                                    | Yes                             |
| 18+          | Yes                                | Yes                         | Yes                                    | Yes                             |

\* Adult within hearing or visual contact

\*\* No more than three hours

\*\*\* With access to adult supervision

a. Parents and guardians are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times, whether on or off base.

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b. Children under 12 years of age will not baby-sit other children (including their siblings). All prospective baby-sitters between the ages of 12 and 17 are required to contact the Family Service Center and complete the "Baby-sitting" course which will be provided by the Child Development Center and Family Child Care.

c. Personality, environment, developmental progress, and maturity levels are factors parents must use to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents should assess their children's maturity and, if necessary, raise the minimum age limits outlined above.

5. Action

a. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Housing (ACOS, Housing) will be responsible for the home alone policies and procedures and supervision of the overall program. This includes informing all family housing residents through various means.

b. The Assistant Chief of Staff, Base Operations Support (ACOS, Base OPS) will be responsible for ensuring NTC, Public Safety is informed of the policy and procedures.

c. The Family Advocacy Program will be responsible for investigating and reporting allegations of minor abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

  
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