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COMBAT CENTER ORDER 1755.1B

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: CHILDREN IN SELF-CARE

Ref: (a) MCO P1710.30E
(b) MCO P1700.29

1. Situation. In accordance with reference (a), establish policy for children residing aboard the Combat Center in self-care and children participating in activities and programs aboard the Combat Center.
2. Cancellation. CCO 1755.1A.
3. Mission. Provide a standard guide concerning the minimum age that children may be left in self-care, programs, and activities aboard the Combat Center.
4. Execution
 - a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations
 - (1) Commander's Intent. Parents, guardians, or designated caretakers are responsible, accountable, and expected to have full accountability for their children at all times to include ensuring the safety of their children. In accordance with the references, this also includes such situations as participating in self-release or Semper Fit programs, being unattended in quarters, vehicles or playgrounds, and being left alone overnight.
 - (2) Concept of Operations
 - (a) Established regulations, local and state laws, the child's maturity, unsupervised duration and frequency, child's knowledge of emergency procedures, physical or emotional disabilities, accessibility to parents, guardians, or caretakers, number and ages of other unsupervised children present, age-appropriateness of responsibilities given to the child, and specific nature of ongoing child activities while unsupervised are factors parents must consider prior to establishing participation in self-care, fitness, sports or recreation activities.
 - (b) All children in self-care should receive self-care instructions from their parents. Instructions should include emergency procedures and telephone numbers, such as use of 911, basic first aid, evacuation and security measures.
 - (c) Children babysitting other children are strongly encouraged to first complete the American Red Cross babysitter's course.

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(d) In accordance with reference (b), developmental standards, and the factors addressed above, the following chart outlines the minimum ages that children may be left in self-care or participate in Semper Fit programs and activities.

AGE	UNATTENDED IN QUARTERS	LEFT ALONE OVERNIGHT	PLAYGROUND UNATTENDED	SELF-RELEASE Youth & Teen Program (YATO)	CAR UNATTENDED	BABY-SIT SIBLINGS	BABY-SIT OTHERS
0-9	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
10-11	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
12-13	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES*
14-15	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES*
16-18	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

AGE	Fitness Center Cardiovascular Weight Training	Gymnasium	Racquetball Court	Youth Sports Program	Pools
0-9	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO**
10-11	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES**
12-13	NO**	YES	YES	YES	YES**
14-15	NO**	YES	YES	YES	YES**
16-18	YES**	YES	YES	YES	YES

* NO OVERNIGHT

** Further clarification may be obtained by reviewing reference (b).

b. Coordinating Instructions. The following definitions are provided for the purpose of this Order.

(1) Parent. The biological father or mother who is responsible for a child, or a person who, by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, has been declared the father or mother of a child by adoption; the legal guardian of a child; or a person in whose household a child resides, provided that such a person stands in loco parentis to that child and who contributes at least one-half of the child's support.

(2) Babysitting. An agreement to care for another's children on an occasional basis, defined as less than 10 child care hours per week, either in the babysitter's or the child's home.

(3) Self-Care. Care when the child is responsible for himself or herself. Generally self-care includes children who are responsible for themselves before or after school, during school vacations, and holidays. Children in self-care are sometimes referred to latchkey children because they have their own key to let themselves into their own homes.

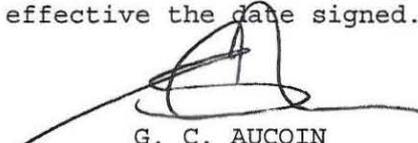
(4) Self-Release Activities. Activities offered by the installation that allow children of a certain age to come and go with minimum adult supervision. The Self Release Program is not a substitute for child care or supervision needed by children in the absence of their parents.

5. Administration and Logistics. Distribution Statement A directives issued by the Commanding General are distributed accessible electronically. This Order may be viewed at <http://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff/G1Manpower/AdjutantOfficer/CCO.aspx>.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all Active Duty, Reserve, Civilian personnel, and family members aboard the Combat Center.

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



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