

DEPENDENT CARE RESPONSIBILITIES



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Family Care Plans

Under AFI 36-2906, all Air Force members with families must make family care arrangements that reasonably cover all situations in both the short and long term.

The AF Form 357

The following members **must** complete an AF Form 357:

1. Single parents;
2. Dual military with children; and
3. Members married to civilian spouses with unique family situations (as determined by the commander). Some of these situations include sole care of an elderly or disabled family member and a spouse who is gone due to job commitments or personal reasons.

After the initial completion, the form must be filled out again within 30 days of a change in the family (such as birth of a new child, adoption, or divorce).

Designating Guardians

Members required to complete an AF Form 357 must designate long and short-term guardians for their minor children. Executing a special power of attorney that places a trusted agent “in loco parentis” or acting as the parent most effectively does this. This means the guardian can care for your children and generally provide for their maintenance, education, health, and welfare.

Noncombatant Evacuation Operation

Members required to complete an AF Form 357 must designate an individual to evacuate and care for their family members while stationed overseas. The Peterson Legal Office has a special power of attorney form to cover that situation.

Financial Responsibilities

Members required to complete an AF Form 357 must also ensure that guardians have access to adequate funds to support members during their absence. The Peterson Legal Office has a special power of attorney form for this purpose.

Be Prepared!

Members should be prepared for any contingency. Powers of Attorneys are not valid after the grantor’s death. Make arrangements for someone to care for your family members until the designated guardian can take over. The Peterson Legal Office staff is ready to assist anyone with specific questions or concerns in this area.

The information provided in this document is meant for the sole use of Active Duty service members, retirees, and their families. The information is general in nature and meant only to provide a brief overview of various legal matters. Rights and responsibilities vary widely according to the facts and circumstances in each case. Laws can vary across states, services, and civilian jurisdictions. Do not rely upon the general restatements of background information presented here without discussing your specific situation with a legal professional.