

## Moving and the Military

Moving constantly can have a negative effect on families with young children. Families in which one or both parents are in the military can be susceptible to constant moving, and this could have a detrimental effect on the children in the family. Many children who are only seven or eight years old have already because to three or four different schools due to moving. There are so many children who have had this type of experience.

Kids who only move once or twice during their childhood may not be effected negatively. These children may even find moving to be exciting; it is a chance to start over, make new friends, and maybe even change yourself. However, children who are forced to move around several times per year can have serious problems in the future. They may feel like they arent in control of anything, and that no one cares how they feel about moving. They have no choice and must move where their families goes, but what if they do not want to? They are basically forced to and this can hurt them later in life.

Children from families who move frequently can also have problems at school, not only socially, but academically as well. They may have problems finding and keeping friends. I have some friends now that I have know since elementary school. These kids do not have that at all. They are forced to make new friends every time they move, and usually lose touch with friends from their previous home. These children can also fall behinds academically very quickly. Most school districts follow different programs, different states have varying curriculum standards, and in the long run, it is very easy for a child to fall behind due to gaps in their education.

Logistically speaking, it can be difficult not only for families involved in frequent moving, but for the people around them as well. Although kids definitely have a hard time going to so many different schools, teachers also have a hard time accommodating new students. Parents face a multitude of challenges, as well, including finding childcare, after school activities, etc.

Constant moving can be hard on everyone involved, especially with families involved in the military who are relocated on a yearly or biyearly basis. The children, teachers, and parents are the ones most directly affected by the moving. It has to be really hard to readjust at any time in life, let alone every year or two as a kid.

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