

Emergency Information for Babysitters

Police:

Fire:

Ambulance:

Family name:

Family address:

Family telephone:

Parents can be reached at:

Address:

Telephone:

Parents are due back at:

Neighbour's name:

Neighbour's address:

Neighbour's telephone:

Important information about the children:

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**Protect
your family.**

**Protect
your home.**

**Prevention,
Detection,
and
Escape**

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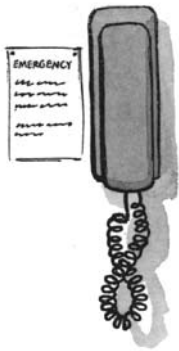
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Babysitters and Fire Safety

Entrusting your children to the care of a babysitter is a major responsibility. You should know your babysitter well. Try to employ the same babysitter on a regular basis. Only trust people who have a good sense of responsibility and a genuine concern for children. Your babysitter's first priority should be your children's safety.

Before the babysitter arrives

- ▼ Make sure your children are familiar with your home escape plan.
- ▼ Post your home escape plan.
- ▼ Test all smoke alarms to make sure they are working.
- ▼ Speak to responsible neighbours so that, in an emergency, the babysitter may contact them.
- ▼ Post emergency numbers near the phone, 9-1-1. Include neighbour's name and telephone number and also the number where the babysitter can reach you and your own address.



When the babysitter arrives



- ▼ Tour your home with the babysitter. Review your home escape plan. Discuss the floor plan, pointing out marked exits.
- ▼ Show the babysitter the designated outside meeting place. Point out your neighbours' homes.
- ▼ Make it clear to the babysitter that if there is smoke or fire, your only concern is that everyone get out of the house quickly and safely.
- ▼ Point out emergency telephone numbers to the babysitter and provide him or her with an emergency information sheet.
- ▼ Show the babysitter where you store an emergency kit.



- ▼ Provide the babysitter any additional information about the children's routines and special needs such as medication.

Babysitter responsibilities in the event of fire

- ▼ Keep the safety of the children in mind. Get them to safety.
- ▼ No matter how small the fire, if you see or smell smoke, or detect an odour of gas, get the children out of the home immediately and call 9-1-1.
- ▼ Don't waste time dressing the children, even in cold weather. Wrap them in blankets instead.



- ▼ Don't turn on switches as this may create a spark, ignite gas vapours or cause an explosion.
- ▼ Never re-enter a burning building. Smoke and gases from a fire can be fatal.