

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:

BABYSITTERS AND FIRE SAFETY

BE AWARE OF WHERE THE CHILDREN ARE AT ALL TIMES

In case of an emergency call
Markham Fire & Emergency
Services at 9-1-1

For more information,
contact the
Fire Prevention Division at
(905) 415-7521,
or visit our website at
www.city.markham.on.ca



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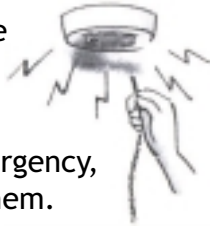
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Entrusting your children to the care of a babysitter is a major responsibility. You should know your babysitter well. Try to employ the same babysitter on a regular basis. Only trust people who have a good sense of responsibility and a genuine concern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