

## **Instructions for Babysitters**

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When someone comes into your home to care for your child while you are away, it is important to leave specific instructions. This checklist will help with what to tell this person. Keep this list in a handy place where you and the person caring for your child can easily find it.

| Family                               |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Address                              |        |
| Nearest cross street or directions _ |        |
| Home Phone                           | Office |
| Cell Phone(s)                        |        |
| Parent's Names                       |        |
| Children's Names                     | (age)  |
|                                      | (age)  |
|                                      | (age)  |
| Arrangements                         |        |
| Time to arrive                       |        |
| Time to leave                        |        |
| Who provides transportation?         |        |
| Rates per hour                       |        |
| per day                              |        |
| Where parents will be and when       |        |
| Time expect to return                |        |

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| How to reach parents  |  |  |
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| How to reach doctor/HMO/hospital (name & phone)                     |  |  |
| Doctor:   |  |  |
| Preferred Hospital:   |  |  |
| Insurance:  |  |  |
| Policy #  |  |  |
| Allergies   |  |  |
| Medicines (name)  |  |  |
| (dose)(when)  |  |  |
| Medication instructions   |  |  |
| How to reach relatives, friends, neighbors (name, relation & phone) |  |  |
| How to reach Call 911 in an emergence                               |  |  |
| FIRE DEPT.  |  |  |
| POLICE  |  |  |
| OK Poison Control Contar 1-800-222-1222                             |  |  |

| Routines  | Special Instructions   |
|---|--|
| Menus/food and mealtimes (food allergies)   | Baths  |
|   | Play Activities  |
| Snacks/Restrictions   | Misbehavior/Discipline   |
|   | House rules  |
|   | Friends the children may invite over                           |
| Scheduled activities and appointments   |  |
|   | Pets   |
| Check those that are allowed:  inviting friends over  | Extra Jobs to Do   |
| □ outdoor play □ television and radio use (how long)  | Prepare meals, snacks  |
| <ul><li>□ use of stereo</li><li>□ use of telephone</li></ul>  | Wash dishes  |
| use of computer (how long)  |  |
| use of car  | Clean  |
| Bed time  | Just in Case   |
| Nap time  | How to Answer the Phone and Door:                              |
| Special Messages  | In case of tornado warning, go to:                             |
|   | Emergency supplies   |
|   | Locks, alarms, keys, exits                                     |
| Child(ren)'s Name: Date(s) of Birth:  |  |
| I,, hereby a necessary emergency medical services to my child(ren), at the request of the person bearing this consent form. | authorize any licensed physician, dentist, or hospital to give |
| Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian   | Date(s) of Release   |

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