

Fire Prevention – Tips for Your Sitters

When you are away from home and someone else cares for your children, take the following steps to ensure that your children and the sitter will be just as safe as when you are there.

- Let your sitter know where the safest exits are from your home. Discuss the family's escape plan.
- Tell the sitter where the outside meeting place is that the family has agreed upon in case of fire.
- Remind sitters *never* to leave the children alone.
- In case of fire, instruct the sitter to leave the house immediately with the children and call the fire department from a neighbor's house or an outside telephone.
- Remind sitters that you do not allow smoking in or around your home and children and not to bring matches or lighters into the home.
- Make sure to leave a list of emergency information near the phone. Include the following:
 - ✓ Local fire and police department phone numbers
 - ✓ Poison control center phone number
 - ✓ Your pediatrician's name and phone number
 - ✓ Where you can be reached
 - ✓ Children's full names
 - ✓ Your full home address and phone number (and, if you live in a rural area, any fire identifiers)
 - ✓ Neighbor's name and phone number
 - ✓ Any special instructions