

Child Safety Week

Tips for sitters

Child Safety Week is May 1-7.

Nurses of Simcoe County District Health Unit are using this opportunity to present a series of articles focusing on safety for children.

Remember that parents are responsible for the supervision, protection and safety education of their children.

Teach them how to deal with those dangers which cannot be avoided; emphasize knowledge and caution rather than fear.

Set reasonable limits and insist on them. Most of all love your children and do all that you can to provide them with the safest possible environment to grow in.

Babysitters and Child Safety

Babysitting is a handy source of pocket money and what teenager doesn't need that? by law, no child under the age of ten can be left alone.

You the parent pay him-her to be in full charge of your home while you are absent. She must know what to do, not only in normal situations but also in emergencies.

Here are some safety tips for your babysitter:

Your prime responsibility Never leave the

children alone in the house, even for a minute.

Make frequent checks on the children during the evening. In case of fire, get them out of the house immediately; call for help after the children are safe.

Call police if you suspect a prowler. Don't let strangers in, or even friends without parents permission.

Keep doors locked. Do some reading about child development so that you know the special dangers for children of various ages.

Be on time - it gives parents time to relay last minute instructions. Don't tie up the telephone.

Find out where the parents can be reached and keep the number beside the telephone along with emergency numbers. Write down special instructions regarding each child in the family.

Be on guard for accidents, burns and poisons (see other articles in this series). For your own safety - don't walk home alone late at night.

Special courses for sitters are offered by local community groups.

For further information call the nursing division of the Simcoe County District Health Unit at 526-9325.



Bedroom blaze

A fire started mid-morning Monday in an upstairs bedroom of the Champlain Road, Tiny Township home of Jim

Atwood. His wife rescued their two-and-a-half year old daughter from the upstairs when the smoke detector

rang. Tiny Township firemen, above, later removed a burning mattress and electric blanket.

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