

Invitation Letter for Toddler/Preschool Guest

Dear (Parent of Toddler/Preschool Guest):

Thanks so much for agreeing to participate in the guest portion of our Safe Sitter® course.

Safe Sitter® is an intensive two-day training program for boys and girls in grades 6-8. The program was founded in 1980 by Indianapolis pediatrician, Dr. Patricia Keener. The purpose of Safe Sitter® is to increase the ability of adolescents to safely care for younger children in a nurturing way, as well as to prevent avoidable and unintentional injuries while babysitting.

The goal of having a toddler/preschooler visit is to expose students to real toddlers/preschoolers. Through this exposure, the students can directly observe the developmental differences and needs of children. Please realize that we want the Safe Sitters to see typical children and typical behavior, even tantrums, if they occur. It is important for young babysitters to know the kind of behaviors they may need to deal with. Please don't feel that your child needs to exhibit model behavior. We love all children!

Your child's visit will provide a "role-playing" experience. One of the students will be the Safe Sitter® and will interview you to obtain all the information necessary to care for your child. The student sitter will need to obtain the following information:

1. Important Contact Information

- Employer name
- Address
- Cell phone number
- Alternate phone number
- Back-up adult name and phone number
- Emergency Services: 9-1-1
- Poison Center: 800-222-1222

2. Child's routines (one of these): Bedtime, Entertainment, Snacks/Meals, or Toileting.

The visits are always fun and rewarding for both the students and guests.

Because the two days cover such a large amount of material, we run on a fairly tight schedule. Will you please bring (child's name) to (classroom location) at (time and date). Your visit with the children will last until (time).

Thanks again for being so willing to help our Safe Sitter® program. We all look forward to your visit.

Sincerely,
(Site Coordinator's Name)