Safe Sitter® Student Contract

The Safe Sitter® course is a medically accurate child care course developed especially for young teens 11 and up. Safe Sitter® teaches you the skills you need to safely care for children — infants through school age. We want your Safe Sitter® course to be a positive experience for you! We want you to know what to expect from us when you take the course and we want you to know what we expect from you. With those points in mind, please read the following ground rules for the Safe Sitter® course.

1. **Attendance.** There is a lot to learn in a fairly short time so it's important to come to all sessions, be on time, and stay until the end. If this is not possible, you should reschedule for another course.

2. **Respect for property and equipment.** The course will be fun and the atmosphere relaxed if students remember that the space and the equipment must be treated with respect — no running, rough play, loud noises.

3. **Respect for others.** You have a great opportunity to meet new people and develop friendships. We will expect you to think of the feelings of others — no teasing or put-downs.

4. **Keeping track of your materials.** *The Official Safe Sitter® Babysitter's Handbook* was written by Dr. Patricia Keener, the pediatrician who started the Safe Sitter® program. Not only will you use it during the course, you will want to take it with you when you babysit. Please write your name on your Handbook and be sure to bring it back to each session. Since you will use it around children, make sure that any drawings or writings you put on your materials are appropriate for young children.

5. **Emergency contact.** It is important for your parent to be able to reach you in case of an emergency. If your parent does not have the emergency contact number for the classroom, it is permissible to bring a cell phone. You can check for messages at lunch or at the end of the course. Please be sure that any electronic devices brought to the course do not distract anyone.

Safe Sitter® courses are always lots of fun for everyone. The ground rules are meant to help guarantee that fun. Please consider these rules and sign below if you are willing to abide by them.

I understand the importance of Safe Sitter's ground rules. I agree to follow them in the course.

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Student signature

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Date