

## Tips To Teach

1. Remember, part of the babysitters responsibility is to protect themselves as well as the children.
2. Have number and address that employer can be reached at.
3. Have alternate number and address to neighbor in case employer cannot be reached in an emergency.
4. Never leave the children unattended. If you must leave the house for any reason, take the children with you.
5. If there is a strange noise outside do not go out to investigate. Rather, turn all outside lights on and call the police.
6. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Lock front door after employer.
7. If there is a knock at the door, ask who it is before answering. Do not allow strangers into the house. If they insist, call the police.
8. Do not tell a caller you are the babysitter alone with the children. Rather, take a message and tell them your employer will get back to them.
9. Always trust your instinct. If a situation seems dangerous or makes you feel uncomfortable in any manner, get yourself and the children away from it immediately.



## THE OLAPRC PROGRAM

Operation L.A.P. Foundation, Inc. program was founded in May 2002 following the abduction of a 7 year old Milwaukee girl. A task force was developed by concerned community individuals and friends and family of, Alexis Patterson. OLAPF is a 501 c3 tax exempt non-profit foundation.

### CRISIS NUMBERS You local Police

**Wisconsin Center for  
Missing Children & Adults**  
**(414) 763-8598**  
**(920) 674-6960**  
**(877) 570-5456**

### RESOURCES

Operation L.A.P. Foundation, Inc. offers: Resource materials, handouts, referrals, tip sheets and brochures on child safety. Education and awareness programs for school, parent, community and civic organizations and professional groups on child safety and abduction related issues. Experienced personal to assist families, volunteer groups, child service agencies and law enforcement.

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## BABYSITTING SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND BABYSITTERS



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**We cannot always be with our children, therefore we must trust their intelligence and good judgement. Teach them to be alert to the world, this gives them a tangible knowledge they need to cope with the times they may find themselves in danger.**

As a parent, when you hire a babysitter you are choosing a person who will be responsible for your child's (or children's) safety and well-being: essentially you are putting their life in someone else's hands.

Many babysitters are teenagers. Often times babysitting is the teen's first job, and it is one that carries much responsibility. It can be a nerve-wracking experience for both parties. However, if both parties are prepared and have open communication it can be very rewarding for both.

**Parents:** Make sure your babysitter is prepared for any situation that may occur. Post emergency numbers in an easy access area, including the number where you can be reached as well as a neighbor to call if you are unreachable. Make sure your house is locked and that your babysitter knows the layout. Do not have others come to visit while you are out or tell others that there will be a babysitter alone with the children. This may create a dangerous situation.

**Babysitters:** Part of your responsibility is protecting yourself as well as the children you are taking care of. Know your employer before you take the job. You always have the right and responsibility to protect your personal safety zone. Always make sure to get the emergency information from your employer. Make sure you are prepared for an emergency. Do not forget about your instinct. If at any time something does not feel right, remove yourself and the children from the situation immediately! Do not allow strangers into the home even if they identify themselves as family. There is no need to be fearful during your

**Education and awareness is the key!!!!!!**

Babysitting job. Just be aware of the situations you are in. Also, as a babysitter is it very helpful for you to enroll in a babysitting course? These courses cover many basics of the babysitting that will help raise your confidence level as well as that of your employer

**Operation L.A.P. Foundation, Inc.**, believes in raising safe, healthy and knowledgeable kids. We feel educating ourselves and our children to the possibilities of real danger in the real world may be one curtail edge we have in keeping them safe. We do not want to go through life afraid. Rather, we want them to be aware of their environment and the happenings around them. If you or someone you know is interested in having a presentation on stranger awareness and personal safety please call **Operation L.A.P. Foundation, Inc. & Wisconsin Center for Missing Children & Adults**

**Parents: Do you have a DNA legacy of your child? For more information call:  
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