



Questions to Ask Your

POTENTIAL BABYSITTERS

Here is a list of helpful questions you might ask:

Have you ever worked as a babysitter or caregiver? Describe your experience. How old were the kids? How long did you babysit for them?



Under what type of situation would you call me? At what point would you call health care provider or 911?



Have you ever cared for a child with a health condition? Describe what you did differently to support that child.



Do you have any health restrictions that could affect your ability to babysit?



Why do you enjoy working with children? Which age group are you most comfortable with? How comfortable are you caring for more than one child, such as siblings?



Is there an adult or family member nearby in the event of an emergency whom you could contact? (mostly for minors)



Have you taken any babysitting training courses? Which ones? What other type of childcare training do you have?



Do you know how to change a diaper?



Are you certified in CPR/basic first aid?



Have you ever administered medicine to a child you were babysitting?



Have you ever been in an emergency situation while babysitting? How did you handle it?



Are you comfortable being in my home at night or for an extended period?



How comfortable are you preparing meals?



What is your preferred method of communication?



Do you know how to feed an infant? A toddler? Do you know what to do if a child is choking?



These are the days and times we need a sitter. Are you available for those all the time? Some of the time?



How do you handle discipline? What will you do if my child will not listen or exhibits unwanted behavior?



What are your rates?



How comfortable are you with pets? Do you have any fear of pets?



Do you have a list of references?



How do you feel about following a set of rules or a routine when caring for a child? What sort of activities do you normally do with children?



If you think you might want or need your sitter to drive your child, you can use these questions:

Do you have a driver's license?



What safety precautions do you take with driving with children?



Are you comfortable driving my child in our car? In your car?



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