In general, inadequate emphasis is placed on the magnitude of the responsibility a young adolescent accepts when accepting a babysitting job.

Most young adolescents lack the knowledge of first aid, rescue skills, behavior management techniques, and life experiences necessary for handling medical, behavioral, or household emergencies which might occur.

Successful completion of an educational program addressing these competencies should be a community standard for all those who care for children.

**by the numbers**

- **850+ Registered Teaching Sites**
- **35,000+ Student Taught Annually**
- **2,500+ Safe Sitter® Instructors**

**history**

Safe Sitter® was founded in 1980 by Indianapolis pediatrician, Dr. Patricia A. Keener, after a colleague’s 18-month-old choked to death while under an adult sitter’s care.

Dr. Keener developed Safe Sitter® as a medically accurate instructional program designed for young teens. Dr. Keener has been recognized nationally for the educational excellence of the Safe Sitter® program by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**mission & vision**

The mission of Safe Sitter® is to provide life skills, safety skills, and child care training to all youth in order to build safer communities.

Vision: Every child should be safe.
Safe Sitter® is not just a class. It is a cause.

Designed to prepare students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they’re home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

The Instructor-led class is filled with fun games and role-playing exercises. Students even get to use manikins to practice rescue skills like choking rescue and CPR!

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**SAFETY SKILLS**

Staying safe is not only in our name, it's the foundation of our curriculum. Students learn how to prevent unsafe situations and what to do when faced with dangers such as power failures or weather emergencies.

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**FIRST AID & RESCUE SKILLS**

Learning skills such as choking rescue and CPR is often students' favorite part of the class. Students also learn a system to help them assess and respond to injuries and illnesses.

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**LIFE & BUSINESS SKILLS**

The ability to screen jobs, discuss fees, and greet employers will set your students up for success now and in the future. Students practice these skills through various role plays, and Instructors enjoy watching their confidence grow!

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**CHILD CARE SKILLS**

Teaching students tips to manage behavior will help them stay in control of themselves and the children in their care. Students learn the ages and stages of child development, as well as practice diapering.

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**organizational status**

Safe Sitter, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Organizational operating funds are obtained from sales of instructional material, charitable donations, foundation grant support, and sponsorships.

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