

# Babysitting Service

Bezirk Horgen



## Are you looking for a babysitter?

The babysitting service in each town in the district of Horgen will help you to find a suitable person. The young people (m/f) who we recommend have completed a babysitting course with the Swiss Red Cross and are at least 13 years old when they start the course. Please note that the Babysitting Service is not a Nanny Service for Monday to Friday during the day. All our Babysitters are in School or in an apprenticeship.

### Recommended fee for the babysitting service:

13 to 15 years: CHF 8.00 to 10.00 per hour  
16 to 25 years: CHF 11.00 to 18.00 per hour at least

The babysitter (m/f) is paid per hour. If the babysitter (m/f) has to stay overnight you pay the hourly rate until midnight. The rest of the night counts as sleeping time and you pay in addition Fr. 25.00. These fees are recommendations. Should the babysitter's responsibility exceed normal duties (i.e.: number of children, disturbed nights etc.) the hourly rate should be increased by at least Fr. 2.00.

### The parents can expect that the babysitter:

- has completed a babysitter course with the Swiss Red Cross
- is at least 13 years old
- shows sympathy and understanding for your child
- shows complete devotion to your child while on duty
- is reliable, clean and self-confident while in charge of your child
- adjusts to your family life
- is discreet
- cleans away items brought along (dishes, clothes, medicines)
- is healthy, punctual, honest
- does not smoke while on duty, does use the mobile phone only in case of emergency
- uses your radio, TV, phone, computer only with your permission
- does not have company without your permission
- is insured (private liability)

## The babysitters (m/f) can expect that the parents will:

- Make sure that the babysitter (m/f) and the children spend enough time together to get to know each other well before the babysitter looks after the children alone for the first time.
- Inform him/her about special requirements and habits of their children (meals, sleep, toilet...)
- Show where extra clothes and clothes for outdoor activities can be found
- Give information about medication (if any) and other special requirements in connection with taking care of their child
- Show where the house pharmacy can be found
- Write down all emergency phone numbers (neighbours, hospital, doctor...)
- Inform where they can be reached (phone, address)
- Supply a key to the house
- Prepare a snack
- Come back at the fixed time
- Accompany the babysitter home at night or pay for a taxi
- Ask for a babysitter as early as possible
- Pay the babysitter immediately

### Important:

**The responsibility for the children remains with the parents at all times.**

Drehscheibe recommends an hourly rate of **13 CHF/hour minimum. The recommended hourly rate increases if the babysitter is older.**

For example: **the babysitter is 13 years old: 13 CHF/hour**

**The babysitter is 15 years old: 15 CHF/hour**

This recommendation is based on the Pro Juventute wage recommendation for holiday and part-time jobs for young people.

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16 – 25 years old: 11.00 – 18.00 CHF/hour

The babysitter is paid per hour. If the babysitter stays throughout the night, the hourly rate is counted up until midnight. The time after that is considered sleeping time and is paid additionally with a night flat rate of Fr. 25. In the case of demanding and care-intensive assignments (e.g. twins, several children), the hourly rate should be increased by at least 2 CHF.