

**General conditions of the babysitting arrangement service provided by the Swiss Red Cross in the Canton of Basel-Town (SRK BS)**

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| Family membership at least | Fr. 60.00 per year        |
| Joining fee                | Fr. 50.00 one-off payment |

The service can be used only by members of the SRK BS.

Applications to join the scheme should be made in writing by completing an application form. After applying, the family will receive a bill for the fee payable. The fee must be paid before the service is used for the first time.

**Guideline hourly rates for babysitters**

|           | <b>Time worked</b> | <b>1 - 2 children from 3rd child from 5th child</b> |           |           |          |
|-----------|--------------------|---|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Teenagers | 13.00-07.00 hrs    | Fr. 8.00  | Fr. 12.00 | Fr. 16.00 | per hour |
|           | 07.00-13.00 hrs    | Fr. 10.00   | Fr. 15.00 | Fr. 20.00 | per hour |
| Adults    | 13.00-07.00 hrs    | Fr. 12.00   | Fr. 18.00 | Fr. 24.00 | per hour |
|           | 07.00-13.00 hrs    | Fr. 14.00   | Fr. 21.00 | Fr. 28.00 | per hour |
| Overnight | 19.00-07.00 hrs    | Fr. 80.00 flat rate                                 |           |           |          |

In addition to this rate, babysitters also receive a payment of Fr. 4.00 for travelling expenses.

- Payment is made **directly** to the babysitter at the end of the session.
- If public transport is no longer running, it must be ensured that the babysitter gets home safely (taxi, car).
- Babysitters aged under 18 must be accompanied home after 22.00 hrs (tram, car or taxi). Travel costs are paid by the family.
- The SRK BS acts as an agent for babysitters who have completed the SRK babysitting course. The minimum age for babysitters for the SRK BS is 14, and the upper age limit is 70.
- Requests for babysitters must be submitted to the SRK BS at least 2 working days in advance (Monday to Friday 8.00-12.00 and 14.00-17.00 hrs, tel. 061 319 56 56).
- If a babysitting session that has been booked is cancelled, the SRK BS will charge a handling fee of Fr. 25.00. This sum should be paid within one week.
- Families can employ babysitters for a maximum of 200 hours per year.
- The SRK for Basel-Town does not issue tax certificates for babysitting expenses.

**Insurance**

- All SRK BS babysitters are covered by third party liability insurance for the duration of a registered session (excess Fr. 100.00). The babysitters are also part of a collective accident insurance scheme. This covers treatment costs in addition to their own health insurance, with payment in the event of invalidity up to Fr. 50,000.00 or in the event of death Fr. 10,000.00. The children being cared for are covered by the accident insurance on the same terms.
- The babysitter is not insured against illness, and no claims for compensation can be made. If families approach babysitters directly with offers of work, this should be reported to the SRK BS by the babysitter for insurance reasons.

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Basle Cantonal Association  
Engelgasse 114, 4052 Basle  
Phone number: 061 319 56 56 (8.00 - 12.00/14.00 - 17.00)  
Fax number: 061 319 56 57  
E-mail: [babysitting@srk-basel.ch](mailto:babysitting@srk-basel.ch)

## **Obligations of the baby-sitters**

**The baby-sitters are expected to carry out the following tasks as taught in the training course:**

To care for the children and engage them with meaningful activities.

To change the baby`s diapers, to prepare the meals, to give the baby the bottle or the the child its meal.

To keep a watch on the sleeping children.

**The baby-sitters are requested to do the following:**

To confirm the engagement the same day to the family by phone.

Not to bring third persons, neither friends nor members of the family to the household of the family without its agreement.

To maintain absolute discretion.

To keep to the tariffs of the Red Cross Basle.

To inform immediately the family and the Red Cross Basle if the agreed engagement cannot be maintained phone number: 061 319 56 56.

To inform the Red Cross Basle if an engagement is agreed directly with the family (important for insurance coverage).

To inform the parents of any meaningful event upon their returning Home.

To get in contact as soon as possible with the Red Cross Basle if any problem occurs.