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## **A Smarter Way to Hire a Sitter**

Stranded without a sitter? Online sites offer a whole new babysitter bank to choose from, but can you trust them? Below, our rundown on some top nationwide sites and how they screen sitters.

### **Sittercity.com**

*Price:* \$39.99 for the first month, \$9.99 thereafter, annual fee; sitters' rates vary.

*Known for:* One of the biggest banks of sitters, with more than 250,000 listed

*Screening:* Sitters are at least 17, must provide a reference and are given quality ratings

### **Babysitters.com**

*Price:* \$29.99 for the first 3 months, then \$8.95 per month; sitters' rates vary.

*Known for:* Parents can post jobs and keep a list of favorite sitters on the site.

*Screening:* Complaints appear on sitters' profiles; sitters pledge to respond to all queries.

### **Mynannycalledinsick.com**

*Price:* \$38 per year; sitters list rates on their profile pages.

*Known for:* Your information and email address stay private. Specializes in short notice.

*Screening:* Sitters are not prescreening but must note on profiles whether they have two references.

### **4sitters.com**

*Price:* \$34.99 to join and \$6.99 per month; sitters' rates vary.

*Known for:* Lists house and pet sitters, as well as caretakers for seniors.

*Screening:* Sitters must be 18 years and there's a link to a site providing background checks for a fee.