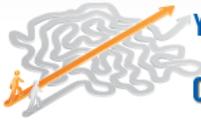


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Forget the "Nanny Cam": follow our tips to find a Mary Poppins of your very own.



By: Jennifer L. Nelson

In a perfect world, the demands of late meetings, company parties, and other obligations wouldn't interfere with family time...

Whether you need a nanny to stay with Emily and Joey while you're at work, or you just need a sitter for the evening while you're out celebrating your wedding anniversary...

However, if you do suspect something's not quite right with the person you end up with, please pass on sticking expensive and intrusive "Nanny Cams" in teddy bears...

-we'll tell you how to do some subtle sleuthing of your own.

Word Of Mouth: Chatting with your friends, neighbors, and fellow parents is an excellent way to find a reliable, trustworthy babysitter or nanny.

Check References: There's no better way to get the scoop on a potential babysitter than to speak with their previous employers.

Spend Quality Time: With your sitter, that is. You can ask her to come early to see her in action with your kids, or you can simply set aside some time before you leave and/or after you return home to check in with each other.

Lay Down The Law: Don't neglect to set some ground rules and specific expectations for how you'd like your son or daughter to be cared for.

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The above points are very resonable and important, because finding an experienced nanny or babysitter is very hard, especially in present times.

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This is an excellent article. We many times advice families to follow their gut and not their brains, that's usually the safe bet when it comes to your kids.

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