

## 43 Reasons to Have Backup Child Care!!!!

1. Summer vacation!
2. Your family has special needs.
3. Your child is still not well enough to go to school.
4. Your babysitter cancels at the last minute.
5. Your boss expects you to work a holiday.
6. Grandma can't help today.
7. Your children get disproportionate attention from the sitter.
8. Your daycare is closed.
9. Spring Break.
10. You always miss Girls Night Out.
11. You work from home, and have an important meeting with a client - and your child sounds ready for a nap.
12. Your child missed the bus. Again.
13. It would be nice to remember what your spouse looks like.
14. A meeting was announced - for tonight.
15. Your child should really stay home while you go to Knitting Club.
16. Your hair hasn't been cut in so long, people ask if you are related to Cousin It.
17. Daycare isn't open on Sunday - but your job still is.
18. The water main suddenly breaks at school and the kids must be evacuated. (Don't laugh. This happened to us.)
19. Your child hit the last babysitter.
20. Luxuriate - when is the last time you had a bath without interruptions? (For that matter, when's the last time you had a bath??)
21. Two words: snow days.
22. You can't remember the last time you saw a movie that have adults in it.
23. Your child has soccer practice on Saturdays.
24. Have a hyperactive member of the family?
25. The gym misses you.
26. The Johnson report requires extra attention in the office.
27. All those playdates.
28. Speaking of dates, when's the last time you went on one?
29. You would, for once, like to go shopping without hearing, "Buy me this!"
30. You are tired of leaning on your sister to watch the kids. Almost as tired as she is.
31. Your shift changes at work.
32. You are appalled at how much better your former sitter talked on the phone and watched TV instead of taking care of your child.
33. Go ahead - have lunch with your friends for once!
34. Your child has band sectionals Thursday nights.
35. The school bus didn't start.
36. Daycare closes at 5. You work until 7.
37. Daycare opens at 8. You start work at 7:30.
38. Someone's got to watch the kids while you attend PTA/PTO meetings.
39. Dare I say it - the new ballet opens tonight.
40. It's hard to find someone who understands raising a special ed. kid.
41. Your kids are somewhat less enthused about the Quilt Exhibit taking place at the museum.
42. You hate driving your children at night.
43. You long for a place... where Desitin isn't a featured smell.