

Sedona Verde Valley TimeBank Childcare Policy

To help ensure the safety of our members, and in line with best practice, the Sedona Verde Valley TimeBank has developed this childcare policy. We are asking all members offering childcare to read the policy and sign it to say that they understand and will adhere to this policy.

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- Anyone who offers childcare must also adhere to the Sedona Verde Valley TimeBank Vulnerable Persons policy, as children can be considered as vulnerable people.
- Any Sedona Verde Valley TimeBank member offering childcare may have a Police check conducted before working with children. This can be arranged with the help of the Coordinator. Any information provided will be dealt with according to the Privacy Act.
- Any Sedona Verde Valley TimeBank member offering childcare is to provide an additional character reference on top of the 2 references given when they first registered. This additional reference should be from someone who has received childcare from the TimeBank member. Questions will be asked about their childcare skills. This is to be done by the Coordinator prior to any care taking place.
- Only legal guardians (i.e. parents and others appointed by the court) can enter into childcare agreements for their children).
- It is recommended that the legal guardian and childcare provider meet each other before the exchange and make sure all parties are happy and that essential information about the child(ren) is passed on including emergency contact numbers for the parents while the childcare is taking place.
- The child(ren) may not be left in the sole care of anyone under the age of 16, and may not be left alone at any time during the trade.

While the Sedona Verde Valley TimeBank itself is not providing childcare, it is providing the opportunity for adults to negotiate with each other the care of children. As stated in the TimeBank Terms & Conditions, "I understand that the function of my local TimeBank is to facilitate the exchange of services within the community. It is my responsibility to use the same caution I would in other circumstances to get to know a person, make reference checks, and use my instincts before engaging with another TimeBank member – especially for babysitting, elder care, and driving. Since any agreements shall be made by and between parties involved in this transaction, TimeBank USA and my local TimeBank will not be held responsible and will not assume any liability for claims, damages, or any other consequences which may arise from this arrangement."