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Nationally Recognized Safe Sitter® Class Available at Bucyrus Community Hospital

BUCYRUS – June 3, 2011 – Children ages 11 to 13 can now enroll in Safe Sitter®, a nationally recognized babysitting certification program, available at Bucyrus Community Hospital. This popular two-day training program is Wednesday, June 15, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Thursday, June 16, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The program will teach students how to be safe, nurturing and medically responsible babysitters. The enrollment fee of \$30.00 includes lunch, education, a manual, and a Safe Sitter® kit.

Safe Sitter® was developed in 1980 by Dr. Patricia Keener, a pediatrician and neonatologist, after a colleague's child choked to death while in the care of an adult sitter. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of avoidable and unintentional deaths among children cared for by babysitters.

Over 500,000 young adolescents across the country have been trained by Safe Sitter® to handle life-threatening emergencies. Students receive hands-on practice in basic lifesaving techniques and also learn safety precautions including the appropriate response to a stranger knocking on the door.

“When someone accepts a babysitting job, they accept the responsibility of a child’s life,” comments Lisa Leonhart, Safe Sitter Instructor at Bucyrus Community Hospital. “This class will help an 11 or 13 year old become a more responsible babysitter and they’ll have fun.”

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to answer important questions such as: What do you do with a nosebleed? Would you know what to say if you had to call 911? Do you know how to change a diaper? How do you know when to accept or refuse a babysitting offer?

Safe Sitter® classes will be held at Bucyrus Community Hospital in the Education Learning lab on the third floor. The class has limited enrollment. To enroll, call 419-562-4677 x3316. Further information on the Safe Sitter® program can be found at www.safesitter.org.

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