

Introduction

When our children were young, it seemed that we could recall the day, maybe the hour and minute of each event of their lives. As experienced parents, my wife and I have found that those events have tended to blur as each child has grown older. Parenting becomes more complex and even simple things like going to a movie on Saturday night can be a major production. Have you ever tried to find the phone number of a movie theatre for the baby sitter as you are rushing out of the door?

But, before you can go to a movie, you need a baby sitter. Do you have a list of several sitters (young sitters seem to grow older and discover the opposite sex). And, do not forget those who can sit during the day when your child decides he or she is too sick to go to school the day you are to make a key presentation at work.

Then, there are the shots. Does your child need a tetanus shot for that cut? Can you find a list of all the shots your child has had for the first day of school?

MacNanny™ is the family child care information center that tries to make life easier so parents can enjoy life and have an occasional night to themselves.

MacNanny will

- maintain a list of baby sitters with their address, phone number, age, fee, and a rating.
- maintain a record of emergency contact information for each parent (e.g., office number, office emergency contact, beeper number, car phone, etc.)
- maintain a record for each child which includes medical ID, social security number, allergies, and an edit field for notes or medical record.
- maintain a record of home information including emergency numbers, and two neighbors' names and emergency information.
- maintain a database of all the places you go (e.g., theaters, restaurants, etc.) with addresses and phone numbers you enter one time.
- print a sitter information sheet with home emergency information, child medical information, parent's office information, and where you will be for posting on the refrigerator.

- print ID cards for each child.

This manual will describe how to install MacNanny and how to use it to obtain the full benefit.