



# BACK HOME

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### The Hot Line!

Elise climbed up on her kitchen stool and picked up the round knob of the lid to the small saucepan. It "rang" as she knocked it against the side of the pan and instantly it became a telephone. Now with the lid to her ear, her imagination whirled as she had a conversation with the lid.

Later that same evening, this one and a half year old entertained herself at a telephone booth while waiting patiently for her daddy's meeting to end.

Parents with older children tell me that this is just the beginning of the use of the hot line. I must admit my own addiction to it in my teen years.

While the telephone is just an accepted convenience in many of our lives, the telephone also represents a lifeline to information, help, and comfort to children when they are alone.

Do your children know how to

use the telephone and what to say when a call comes in? Calls to parents and friends provide answers to questions and maybe needed reassurance when parents are at work. They also help prevent distress and boredom. When emergencies arise, the phone provides immediate contact with adults who can help. Whether parents are both working or not, telephone skills are a life skill that should be learned as early as possible.

The phone can also be a source of fear. Obscene phone calls and questioning by strangers sometimes frighten children or adults who are home alone. Children who improperly give out information may be placing themselves at risk for assault or theft. For all of these reasons, it is essential that children have access to emergency phone numbers; know how to make emergency calls; and know how to respond appropriately to callers.

It is important that your child understand the proper procedures for making emergency calls. Create a list of emergency numbers and post it by your phone. This list should include the fire department, police department, poison control center, ambulance, doctor, work numbers and nearby neighbors or friends who could help. Talk to your child about situations that represent emergencies. Discuss what you would like your child to do in each situation and who, if anyone, should be called. Knowing how to handle such situations and who to call will give your child confidence when alone.

If you already have a listing of emergency phone numbers listed, check to see that they are still accurate. For example, fairly recently the Lancaster poison control number changed to 531-6111. Are there other numbers on your list that have changed?

Also, instructions need to be provided on how to answer the phone whether home alone or not. Begin by saying only "hello." Provide no information to the caller. Do not tell anyone you are alone. Offer to take a message and write it down. Be polite.

It is important that your child not lie. Statements such as "My father can't come to the phone

right now," or "May I take a message" represent truthful and helpful statements. When faced with persistent questioning or obscene phone calls, your child should hang up and call the parent. You can help your child practice these skills by role-playing situations such as pretending you are a salesperson calling to check a delivery date or a friend from church and you want some information about a meeting.

By identifying and posting important phone numbers, helping your child understand what to do and who to call in various situations and how to respond to phone calls, your child will gain confidence in the ability to handle situations.

This is also a good opportunity

to discuss general phone usage. Establish some general rules concerning the use of the phone such as how long one can be on the phone and when your child is expected to call you.

The other reminder for each of us as parents is to be a good model. Compliment your children when they have done a good job in reporting a phone message or have handled a phone call well.

For now, it's just fun hearing my little chatterbox "dial up" her mommy on the pan lid. But, it won't belong before she's hanging up the lid and dialing her grammy and grandpap long distance on the real thing. One can only hope this love for the phone doesn't continue through the teen years or is that genetically passed along too!

## Scissor Wizards

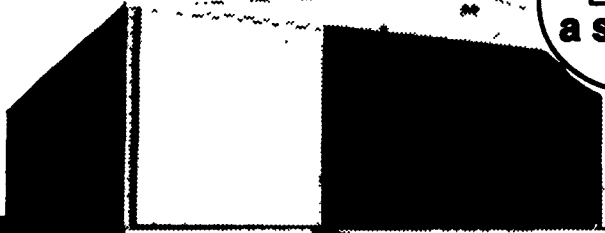
The Scissor Wizards 4-H Club of Readington Township meets at the Parson home (Whitehouse) twice monthly. The Scissor Wizards welcomes new members Caryn VanRensburg, Kim Smith, Melissa Whitely, Bobby Jean Black (all of Whitehouse), Amanda Buns and Emily Davis (both of Flemington). Club members are sewing outfits for themselves.

Bobby Jean Black, Jessica Terrizi, and Stefanie Acken (all of Whitehouse) are planning to model their projects at the 4-H Day at the Mall Fashion Show. Kim Smith and Stewart Parsons (both of Whitehouse) both received an excellent at the Hunterdon County Presentation Contest. Kim and Stewart are eligible to participate in the State Contest in June.

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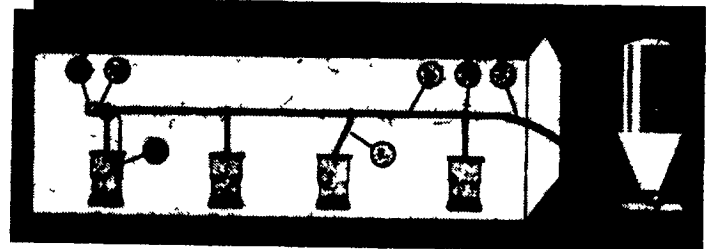
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