

How to Raise an Irresponsible Child

The following advice is guaranteed to produce a child who is irresponsible, likely to need professional help later in life, and in general, has the potential to become a burden on the family, the community and society.

- Be their **LAWYER** - have a ready defense for all of their poor behavior.
- Be their **BANKER** - always have funds available when they want it.
- Be their **INSURANCE COMPANY** - they have the fun, you pay the price. They get the ticket and you pay the ever growing premiums.
- Be their **AGENT** - represent them; negotiate with the school, the team, and society in general. They deserve the very best, and it's your job to get it for them. Use your personal influence to get them what they want.
- Be their **MECHANIC** - fix them when they break; give them the solution without explaining the steps involved or the real cause of the problem.
- Be their **BUTLER** - you are preparing them for life in a luxury hotel, and they certainly deserve the best. They should never have to clean up after themselves, pick up, or wait for a meal.
- Be their **FAIRY GODMOTHER** - wave your wand and make the shrinking checking account grow so that they can have instant gratification; they should not ever have to wait for what you can somehow provide.
- Be their **DOORMAT** - let them take out their frustrations on you. This teaches them humility by watching your reaction to their anger and emotions. This one of the most important roles you can play.
- Be their **APOLOGIST** - whatever they do wrong, give them a good excuse for it. This works well with the school since bad grades and behavior can be blamed on poor teachers, bad schools, work schedules, etc.
- Be their **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** - be their secretary and project director; intervene and help them get that "A" at all costs.
- Do not teach them a **BELIEF SYSTEM** - let them wait until they are 21 and make up their own mind about morals, behaviors, ethics, relationships.