

# Who's watching the kids? CBC's Marketplace <sup>[1]</sup>

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### CBC'S MARKETPLACE EXPOSES SHADY OPERATORS AND UNSAFE CONDITIONS

#### Who's Watching the Kids? airs Friday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. (8:30 NT) on CBC-TV's MARKETPLACE

Daycares should be one of the safest places children spend their time, but on this week's MARKETPLACE, Who's Watching the Kids?, we reveal a patchwork system with no rules, potential dangers, and people breaking the law.

With long wait lists and high fees, licenced daycare spaces in Canada are hard to come by, leaving many parents with no option but to use unlicensed care. Anyone can start a daycare. No licence means no government oversight.

MARKETPLACE goes undercover and inside these daycares to see what goes on when parents aren't around, if the people working with the children are qualified, and if the places trusted to look after our kids are safe.

Only 20 per cent of Canadian children have access to licenced care. MARKETPLACE investigates 20 of these unlicensed daycares, and discovers substandard conditions.

**Related link:** Unlicensed daycares operate free from oversight: Majority of Canadian children can't get into licensed daycare <sup>[3]</sup>

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