

Why a Trial Period Can Prevent the Wrong Private Household Hire

Why a well-managed trial reveals trust, consistency and household fit that a CV and interview cannot show.

An interview can show experience. A trial period shows reality.

The right hire should bring calm - not confusion, tension or extra stress.

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BEYOND THE INTERVIEW

A strong CV does not guarantee household fit

A candidate may interview well and have positive references, yet struggle with the family's routine, pace, privacy expectations, children or pressure inside the home.

Until the person works inside the environment, neither side fully understands the match.

A trial gives the family and candidate time to make a better long-term decision.

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WHAT A TRIAL REVEALS

The details an interview cannot show

A trial reveals punctuality, attitude, energy, discretion, cleanliness, communication, respect for privacy and the ability to follow instructions or work independently.

It also shows how the candidate responds to feedback, pressure, children, guests, pets, other staff and the small details of daily life.

Most importantly, it shows how the candidate makes the home feel.

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THE LIMITS OF A CV

Experience matters. Fit matters more.

A CV shows previous employers, titles, years and skills. It cannot show how someone speaks to the family, respects boundaries, moves through private spaces or remains calm when plans change.

Families should never rely on a CV alone.

The household is personal. Suitability must be observed in context.

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A STRUCTURED ASSESSMENT

A good trial period needs clear expectations

Define the duration, schedule, duties, reporting line, payment, accommodation where relevant and the standards being assessed.

Give the candidate a realistic opportunity to perform the role. Provide essential information and observe without creating artificial tests.

A trial should be professional, fair and purposeful - never random.

Review both performance and compatibility

At the end, discuss what worked, what required guidance and whether expectations were realistic. Consider technical delivery, communication, discretion, initiative and team fit.

When doubts are significant, extending a poor match rarely solves the underlying problem.

A considered trial reduces risk before a temporary appointment becomes a long-term difficulty.

Make the appointment with greater confidence

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