

Free Tours around your City

Tours of local attractions take place on a regular basis but you can organize your own tour with just your kids or with a few other families in your neighborhood. You may be surprised by what companies and organizations will provide free tours of their facilities.

The fire hall is always intriguing to young children. If you call your local fire hall and speak with the fire chief he will be happy to arrange a time for you to stop in with your children. They will show the kids around, let them see inside the fire engine and if there is time the children can see a fireman in all of his gear. Not only is this fun, it is a safety precaution for kids. Chances are they will be less scared of a firefighter in his full uniform with a mask if he or she sees one before an emergency. You will have to be prepared for the tour to be cut short if an emergency is called in.

Your local postal outlet may provide small tours too at no charge. Call ahead and ask to speak with a manager and ask if you can stop by and show the children what happens to the mail after it is dropped in the mailbox. The volume of mail that the post office handles and the machines that are used to sort letters are sure to fascinate the kids.

The grocery store or supermarket will conduct tours for young children. The manager of each department (deli, bakery, produce) will let the children know what they do to provide fresh food to the customers. Each department plays a very different role in the store and this can be an educational trip for everyone. Most times the children get to leave with a cookie or other goodie from the bakery department.