

# HOW TO GET YOUR GUEST TO ARRIVE ON TIME!

Follow these simple steps to encourage guests to be prompt so everyone can enjoy the party! Brought to you by The Amazing Ivan at [www.lvanslinsane.com](http://www.lvanslinsane.com).

1. **Ask your guests to be on time.**

Sounds simple enough, but you would be surprised how many people don't ask. Believe it or not, people will respond when prompted.

2. **Start on the quarter hour.** For example, begin at 1:15 or 1:45 p.m. Believe it or not, studies show that people arrive on time more often on the quarter hour- who'd ever thought?



3. **Add the word "sharp" after the start time.** Example- 1:15 p.m. sharp.

4. **Have a drawing.** Pick winners five minutes after the start time. Make sure to state it on your invitation. Is this bribery? Absolutely!...but it works. 😊

5. **Send a reminder note home.** It can go home in a backpack from school, you can mail a postcard or you can send out an email. Just state something like, "Just a reminder, Billy's birthday party is Saturday at 1:15 p.m. sharp. We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget, we're giving away some great prizes at 1:20 p.m."

6. **Add a "Fudge Factor".** Unfortunately, no matter what you do, chances are there will be some stragglers. As a parent, you understand that *things happen!* Therefore, it's best to begin any activities or entertainment 30 minutes after your start time. Plus, it gives kids a chance to let off some steam.

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