

What would you do in An Emergency?

Have A Plan!

Develop a communication plan and emergency contact list with your family.

Give your child(ren) a copy of your emergency contact list to keep in their bag/book-bag (for older children you can help them memorize the list).

Agree on meeting at an alternate site away from your home in the case of separation. Make sure to practice this!

Know the emergency plan at your child's child care program (ask the child care provider about their plan).

Get the child care provider/program's emergency numbers.

Be sure that your child(ren)'s child care providers have the following information for you on file:

- Work/cell/home/pager/fax numbers or E-mail address(es)
- Authorization cards for other adults to pick up your child(ren)
- Who is permitted to contact your child(ren) if you cannot?
- Any drug/food/environmental allergies your child has.
- Any medical conditions that may require attention

Is Your Child Care Program Prepared?

Be proactive. Be in the know. Ask your child care provider about their preparedness and response plans for emergencies. Ask how often they conduct the necessary drills.

The more you know how they will respond, the better you are able to ensure your child's safety and well-being during emergencies.



Division of Early Care and Education:

Families preparing for Emergencies



If you have children enrolled in school or child care – you need to know...

The Center's or Family Provider's Emergency Plan:

What happens if they experience:

- A "Shelter in Place" situation
- A Facility evacuation
- A lock-down because of an outside threat
- A Power Outage
- A hazardous materials emergency
- Water or heat loss
- A Bomb threat or suspicious package/message/person
- A missing child
- A relocation to another site

Emergency Preparedness

No one wants to think and worry about disasters. A few simple steps will help prepare and protect your family and assure that your children feel safe and are safe.

Questions to ask your school or child care provider about their emergency plan:

- How will parents be notified in an emergency?
- What is the process of evacuation?
- Do they have an emergency e-mail notification system?
- Have you and your staff received training on how to respond to my child's physical and emotional needs during and after a disaster?



Ask Your Child Care Program Before a Disaster...What's the Plan?

Family Emergency Kit

It is important to keep enough supplies in your home to meet the needs of your family for at least three days. Assemble a Family Emergency Kit with items you may need in an emergency or evacuation. Store these supplies in sturdy, easy-to-carry containers such as suitcases, duffle bags or covered storage containers.

For a printable checklist:

<https://scemd.org/prepare/your-emergency-plan/family-disaster-plan/family-emergency-kit/>

Additional Resources

- American Red Cross: www.redcross.org
- FEMA – www.fema.gov
- www.Scemd.org
- <http://www.childcareprepare.org/>