

# The SC Division of Early Care and Education

We will address the needs of children, including the need for safe child care, before, during and after a State of Emergency declared by the Governor or a major disaster/emergency through our Statewide Disaster Plan. We will distribute information to child care providers and families regarding local relief/recovery efforts.

SC Department of Social Services  
Division of Early Care and Education

To Child Care Providers.

# Emergency Preparedness

Before. During. After





## Before a Disaster

Review your Emergency Preparedness Plan. Make sure to review the following:

- Evacuation procedure
- Relocation procedure
- Shelter-in-place procedure
- Lockdown procedure
- Communication and reunification with family's procedure
- Continuity of Operation procedure
- Accommodations of Infants and Toddlers procedure
- Children with disabilities procedure
- Child with Chronic Medical conditions procedure
- Pandemic procedure

The SCEMD Public Information Office has the responsibility to promote public education for preparedness and emergency management issues.

## During a Disaster

- Take the daily attendance sheet
- Keep the children calm
- Listen to your local news and follow their instructions.
- Follow your Emergency Preparedness plan

## After the Disaster

Reunify children with families

Call Child Care Licensing for the following:

- If there are injuries or damages
- If temporary location approvals are needed.
- If there is a need to hire staff provisionally. This must be approved.
- If other assistance is needed.

## Key Regulations 114-505 (H) (3)

Child care facilities shall have an up to date written plan for evacuating in case of a fire, a natural disaster, or other threatening situations that may pose a health or safety hazard.

## Division Program Offices

- Child Care Licensing
- ABC Quality Program
- SC Voucher Program
- Child Adult Food Care Program
- SC Endeavors

## Contact Us

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