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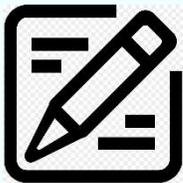
Winter Weather Preparedness



Winter weather can be a delight to see, however it can also be very dangerous. Please check out the Winter Weather Guide for tips on what to do before, during, and after a winter storm. The guide covers a variety of topics. Read to find tips on how to prepare your home for a winter storm and what to do if you're caught driving in a blizzard. Also, learn how to prevent heating-related fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. Preparation can help to keep you safe and may even save a life.

To access the guide, please [click here](#).

REMINDER: Workforce Registry



The SC Center for Child Care Career Development (CCCCD) is launching a new Workforce Registry soon. Trainers will have access to the new Registry mid-November and all providers and teachers will have access in early January. As part of the National Workforce Registry Alliance along with 40 other states, CCCCCD is bringing an advanced web-based system that will track and promote the training, employment, and educational accomplishments of early childhood care and education (ECE) and after-school teachers and providers throughout the state. This is an exciting update that will bring greater efficiencies and a one-stop location for you to track your training, education and credentials. Our staff is working diligently to make the transition to the new workforce registry as seamless as possible.

SC-CCR&R: SAVE THE DATE Saturday, January 25th, 2020



The SC Child Care Resource & Referral is sponsoring a one-day conference in the Pee Dee area in conjunction with SCEC Region 2 on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at Florence Darlington Technical College. This all day event is open to child care staff and family child care providers and will include a dynamic keynote and lunch. More details to come.

Product Recalls

DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys, and recreational equipment shall meet the standards of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), if applicable, and that recalled products shall not be accessible to children. For more information, call CPSC's hotline at 800-638-2772 or visit their website: www.cpsc.gov. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.

- **New Port Sales All-Gloo Craft Glue** due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirements.
- **Hooye Children's Sweatshirts with Drawstrings** due to strangulation hazard.

- **Quest Products ALOCANE Emergency Burn Pads** due to failure to meet child resistant closure requirements.
- **B&B Acquisition Wintergreen Essential Oils** due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.
- **RESURRWCTIONbeauty Wintergreen Essential Oil** due to failure to meet child resistant packaging requirements.
- **Fisher-Price Inclined Sleeper Accessory for Ultra-Lite Day & Night Play Yards** due to laceration, burn and choking hazards.

Lead-Safe Toolkit



There is no safe level of lead exposure for children. Unfortunately, lead is still regularly found in our water (both well and public water systems). The good news is that lead exposure is 100% preventable!

Children exposed to lead can experience headaches, abdominal pain, constipation, hearing problems, delayed growth, decreased IQ, behavioral and learning problems and in extreme cases, death. Many of these adverse effects, such as reduced IQ and neurodevelopmental deficits, are irreversible.

The new [Lead-Safe Toolkit for Home-Based Child Care](#) can help family child care providers reduce lead hazards within their homes. Lead can be found in water, paint, soil, dust, and commonly found consumer products.

The FREE [Toolkit](#) offers a range of resources including a poster and worksheets that provide easy-to-follow steps for finding out if lead hazards exist in the home and what to do to reduce any exposures.

The Toolkit was developed with input from child care professionals and lead prevention experts under the guidance of the [Children's Environmental Health Network](#), the [National Center for Healthy Housing](#) and the [National Association of Family Child Care](#).