

Review Your Emergency Preparedness Plan

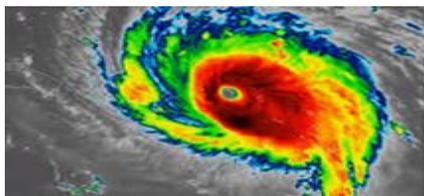
- At least once a year
- Upon enrollment of children with disabilities or chronic medical conditions
- After a drill when issues are seen
- After a disaster or emergency

Practice Your Drills

- Fire Drills
- Tornado Drills
- Earthquake Drills
- Active Shooter/Lockdown Drills

Weather-Related Disasters

- Either shelter-in-place or evacuate according to your Emergency Preparedness Plan, as appropriate to the weather-related disaster/emergency event.
- Call Child Care Licensing to discuss your actions taken in a weather-related disaster/emergency event.



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.

114-505 H (2) - In the Event of a natural disaster or unscheduled closing of a child care center, the capacity may be exceeded temporarily to accommodate the displaced children. The director shall notify the Department of the situation and maintain appropriate staff:child ratios at all times. Required records shall be kept on file for the new enrollees.



**Emergency
Preparedness Plan
for Providers**



Other Disaster/Emergencies (non-weather related or public health-related)

If a child care provider is alerted to the possibility of an impending disaster/emergency, please adhere to your Emergency Preparedness Plan and communicated with Child Care Licensing regarding your actions taken in this disaster/emergency.

Child Care Provider Relocation and/or Expanded Capacity

Child care providers are not required to relocate or expand capacity but may have the opportunity to do so through prior authorization from Child Care Licensing in the Division of Early Care and Education.

Public Health-Related Disaster

Providers in affected areas should follow to the extent possible, these procedures:

- Adhere to your Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Obtain necessary equipment and supplies, include Personal Protective equipment (PPE). This includes but is not limited to:
 - Masks
 - Gloves
 - Cleaning/disinfecting supplies
- Call Child Care Licensing to discuss your actions taken in a Public Health disaster/emergency event.

Knowledge is Key. Be prepared!

Division Program Offices

- Child Care Licensing (800) 556-7445
- ABC Quality Program (800) 763-2223
- SC Voucher Program (800) 262-4416
- Child Adult Food Care Program (888) 834-8096
- SC Endeavors (866) 845-1555

Contact Us

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