

SCHOOL & CHILD CARE CHECKLIST

You expect your child care provider to be prepared for medical emergencies, but do they have a plan for weather and other disaster-related emergencies? Use this check list to talk to your child's daycare provider, and pre-school and school personnel and ask:

“How are you prepared to protect children in case of a disaster?”

FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE

1. Do you have a written plan for evacuating and moving kids to a safe location in the event of disasters?
2. Do you have a written plan to notify me of an emergency and reunite me with my children?
3. Do you have a written plan that accounts for kids with special needs?

FOR CHILDREN IN K-12 SCHOOLS

4. Do you have an emergency plan that accounts for multiple disasters?

Emergency Plan

- If they have a plan:
- Do you have a copy of the plan?
 - Are you comfortable with their procedures?
 - Do local emergency responders have a copy of the plan?
 - Do they do practice drills?
 - Has the staff had adequate emergency planning training?
- If they do not have a plan:
- Have you expressed that having a plan is essential for the safety and well-being of your child?
 - Have you considered sending your child elsewhere?
 - Did you ask other parents to request a plan?

Communication

- How you will be notified about a disaster?
- Do they have at least two ways for you to be contacted?
 - Do they have a contact for your child that is outside the area?
- How do you contact the child care program or school during and after a disaster?
- Do they have a contact for your child that is outside the area?

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Disaster Resources/Kit

- Do they have disaster resources or a kit of supplies?
- Does the kit meet the needs of all staff and children for a minimum of 72 hours?
- If your child has any medical needs or regular medication, is your provider aware?
- Do you know how they plan to store and access vital records in case of loss of power or damages?

Little Ones/Special Needs

- Is there a plan for infants or other non-mobile children who will need additional help evacuating?
- Is your provider aware of any special needs of your child?