

GET YOUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM READY FOR DARK NIGHTS/COLD WEATHER

* With winter fast approaching, child care programs **NEED TO ADJUST THEIR RULES**, protocols, and safety guidelines to keep children, parents, and staff safe. Providers must prepare for darker evenings, inclement weather, and unlawful tailgaters. *

Follow these safety tips to prepare your child care program for winter emergencies:

It Will Get Cold Inside And Outside !

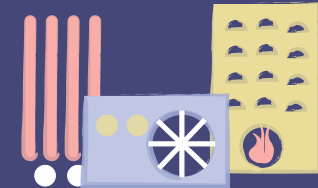
If your facility has a van to transport children, **MAKE SURE IT'S WINTERIZED** and includes an emergency kit with a small shovel, gravel/sand, a solar-powered cell phone charger, and extra floor mats.



HAVE back up heating and lighting sources in the event of a power outage.



INSPECT HEATERS/FURNACES before the start of the winter season. If your facility has a backup generator, make sure to test it out before a weather emergency strikes.



HAVE EXTRA LAYERS of clothing available for the children, as well as blankets, hats, gloves, and scarves.



SET UP a designated warm area for indoor play.

