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:*

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**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.

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**SET UP** a designated warm area for indoor play.

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

**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.

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