# Help your family plan for an emergency

f you are a caretaker to a child in school or daycare, it is important to know the potential movements and landfalls of a major storm.

Educating yourself on your child's school or daycare emergency policies will help give you confidence that they will be safe in an adverse weather situation.

### Pick Up

Your hurricane plans should account for the possibility that your children may be at school or a daycare when weather conditions deteriorate. Decide who will pick the kids up and where to go from there.

Make sure you know the safest route and head there as soon as advised. Older children also will feel safer if you explain the plans to them so they know what to expect in the thick of the situation.

### **Staying Put**

Sometimes the safest thing is for everyone to stay put and off the roads.

Department of Homeland Security recommends finding out if your school or daycare is prepared to "shelter in place" if necessary, and where they plan to go if they must leave.

Here are a couple of additional questions to ask your administrators, according to www.ready.gov:

• How they will communicate with families during a crisis?

• Do they store adequate food, water and other basic supplies?

### **Prepare a School Emergency Plan**

Every daycare provider and school should have site-specific emergency plans, so if you live in a disasterprone area, ask now. If no plan exists, you might consider volunteering to help develop one.

Knowing how to safely reunite your family will give you comfort during an emergency weather situation. Together, you can decide on your next move based on weather forecasts and any evacuation recommendation.



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