

All Hazard Preparedness Procedure

Purpose

This provides some simple steps to help staff and children get through a disaster safely..

Procedure

- Practice fire drills monthly and all hazard preparedness drills quarterly.
- Choose all hazard preparedness drills that are relevant to local sites' needs.
- Find out from your local Federal Emergency Management Administration office or American Red Cross what types of disasters are likely to happen in your area.
- Learn your community's warning systems and know what to do if alerted.
- Create a written All Hazard Preparedness Plan that includes the types of disasters and emergencies for your area. If you are in a school district, make sure you are a part of the plan for your building.
- Before practicing the plan, go over it with the site team.
- Practice, evaluate and update your plan.
- Provide children with a variety of ways to learn about and experience disaster preparation.
- Make time for children to ask questions about disasters and drills.
- Talk with families about your All Hazard Preparedness Plan.
- Provide families with a summarized copy of the All Hazard Preparedness Plan. Include information about where you will re-locate if your building is unsafe and the procedure for retrieving children after a disaster.
- Stay calm and be honest with children as you explain what's going on.
- Replace stored food and water periodically.

Related Documents

All Hazard Preparedness and Fire Drill Record
 All Hazard Preparedness – Incident Command System Guidance
 Disaster Supply Kit Procedure
 Earthquake Drill Procedure
 Fire Drill Procedure
 Lockdown Drill Procedure

Resources

For current information on how to plan for most types of disasters and emergencies, including how to work with children and families:

www.FEMA.gov

www.RedCross.org