

## Flood Information For Licensed Childcare Facilities

During a flooding event, some licensed community care facilities within Fraser Health may be affected either directly or indirectly. It is imperative that licensees have a plan to address this type of emergency. The Government of Canada's online tool can help you write your plan.

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/mk-pln-en.aspx>

### PREPARING FOR A FLOOD

The following considerations should be included in your emergency plan:

- Is your child care facility located in a flood risk area?  
(Check with your local municipal office or municipal website).
- If there is a potential for flooding, are the children's families aware of this possibility?
- Have you determined how you will contact numerous families within a short period of time?
- Has the parent notified the emergency contact that they may be required to pick up the child/ children on short notice if the parent is unable to do so?
- Are families aware that they may be required to arrange for alternate care with little or no notice should the child care facility need to close?
- Have you considered how you will preserve essential records/documents? (e.g. emergency services, child contacts)
- How will you manage utility disruptions and/or road closures? (e.g. development of emergency kits, extra food supplies, medication, etc)
- How will you remain current of the emergency situation should you be without power or telephone? ( e.g. emergency kits equipped with battery powered or wind-up radio)

It is anticipated that residents in the flood plain will be provided with notice from your Community Emergency Response personnel if an evacuation is necessary. This should allow licensees time to advise parents that alternate care arrangements are required.

### DURING A FLOOD

If you experience flooding and there is a disruption in your ability to provide care, you must:

1. As soon as practical, contact your Licensing Officer to inform them of your service delivery problem. If you cannot reach your Licensing Officer, please call the Duty Line at 604-587-3936.
2. Undergo a facility inspection before your child care facility can re-open. Please contact your Licensing Officer to arrange for an inspection.

***Licensed Child Care Facilities that have been impacted by the effects of flooding cannot operate until authorized to do so by a Licensing Officer.***

## **AFTER A FLOOD**

For information on how to clean up after a flood, refer to one of the following:

- [Fraser Health Authority](#)
  - [Flood information for Homeowners](#)
  - [Flood information for Personal Service Establishments](#)
  - [Flood information for Food Premises](#)
  - [Flood information for Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs](#)

Additional references that may be of assistance:

- **River Forecast Centre (web site) provides advisories and warnings [www.env.gov.bc.ca](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca)**
- **Check your local municipal website for additional community specific information**