

Early Childhood Education and Care Services

Emergency Response Plan – Evacuate &/or Emergency Closure



Based on Windermere’s risk assessment for potential emergencies, Educators are required to complete Emergency Response Plans for emergency situations where you may need to evacuate, stay inside and lock down, close your service or, if you provide transportation, have a car accident. Please refer to Windermere’s ‘Emergency Procedures’ policy for more information.

Educators are to discuss their Emergency Response Plans with parents/guardians of each child in care, then obtain authorised signatures agreeing to the steps of the plans if they are required to be executed. Educators must review their plans annually and obtain updated parent/guardian signatures annually.

A copy of this plan is to be kept in your administration file, in your evacuation bag and put on your file at Windermere ECECS Office. **Please forward a copy of this completed form to the office annually.**

Educator:	Address:		
Select potential emergencies/risks for your environment:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bush or grass fire	<input type="checkbox"/> House fire	<input type="checkbox"/> Storms & flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Bomb/chemical threat
<input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Intruder	<input type="checkbox"/> Pandemic	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical emergency
<input type="checkbox"/> External emissions or spill	<input type="checkbox"/> Internal emissions or spill	<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications outage	<input type="checkbox"/> Power outage
In the event of the above emergencies, my response plan will be to: <input type="checkbox"/> Evacuate &/or Emergency Closure			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calmly gather children & collect keys, mobile phone & evacuation bag, containing current emergency contacts list, medical action plans, first aid kit & attendance records (if applicable). Collect any medication required for child/ren in care. Proceed to the nearest or safest exit. Gather children at the letterbox or designated area in the backyard. Ring 000 & advise of the situation. Wait on the line & follow any further instructions. Contact WFDC, asap, to advise of the situation & inform if emergency services have given instructions to evacuate the immediate area. If so, inform WFDC of location I will be evacuating to. If advised to evacuate the immediate area I will be taking the children to: 1-..... <p>.....</p> <p>or 2 -</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Refer to the attached map/s for routes to offsite evacuation locations.</p>			
Next steps – follow these procedures once you have responded to the emergency:			
Attend to child/ren: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check that all children are accounted for. Identify any injuries & apply first aid if necessary Contact ambulance &/or emergency services if necessary. Comfort injured child/ren & reassure children they are safe. 			
Contact parent/s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact parent/s of injured child/ren as soon as possible to inform them of the situation & if emergency services have been contacted. Contact remaining parents to inform them of the situation & advise if early collection of their child/ren is required. 			
Contact WFDC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact EPC, WFDC Team Leader or Manager to inform of the situation & inform which parents have been successfully contacted. Ask for any assistance or support if required. Complete & submit a WFDC Educator incident report form within 12 hours. 			
For children showing difficulty in breathing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact 000 & commence emergency asthma management 4 X 4 X 4 plan. Continue asthma management 4 X 4 X 4 plan, if no improvement, until ambulance arrives. 			

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In the event of a **power outage**, my response plan will be to:

- Remain calm & continue to reassure the children.
- Assess the situation carefully & if there are no power lines down or any danger of risk of harm, move children toward natural lighting or outside to allow them to continue their activities.
- Contact the local energy supplier to ascertain if the outage is a short temporary issue or if it will take a longer time to be resolved, requiring further action to ensure children's safety & wellbeing.
- If the situation will take time to be resolved, assess if the lack of power is going affect the safety & comfort of children due to no heating, cooling, refrigeration & very limited, or no cooking facilities.
- If there is going to be an extended power outage & the children may be at risk of harm, contact families & recommend that the children be collected as soon as possible. Explain that the ongoing lack of electricity has the potential to affect the safety of the children, due to the above concerns.
- Reassure families that service provision will continue as soon as the power is reconnected, & families will be notified when this occurs.

In the event of a **telecommunications outage**, my response plan will be to:

- Remain calm & monitor the issue for a short time. If it does not resolve itself within a few minutes, evacuate & gather the children in the designated outdoor area, to check for mobile phone service.
- If possible, contact phone provider to ascertain if full phone coverage will be restored soon. If it is or will be restored quickly continue providing care as usual.
- If there is still no service, or full phone coverage will not be available in the very near future, evacuate to either of your designated offsite evacuation sites, to access mobile phone service.
- If possible, contact families & recommend that the children be collected as soon as possible. Explain that the ongoing lack of telecommunications has the potential to affect the safety of the children.
- Reassure families that service provision will continue as soon as the phone services are reconnected, & families will be notified when this occurs.
- If there is no phone service at your offsite evacuation site, return home, as this is the safest location.

Bushfire Prone Areas (BPA)

Is the area you live in considered a Bushfire Prone Area? Yes No

Are you listed on WFDC's Bushfire At Risk Record (BARR) Or WFDC's Grassfire At Risk Record (GARR)? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to either or both of the above questions, then the following 2 sections applies to you & your service. Educators to whom this applies must adhere to the guidelines within this section in conjunction with WFDC's 'Emergency Procedures' policy.

My plan on days forecast as **CATASTROPHIC Fire Danger Rating** is to:

- Close my service** (If Educators live in a BPA & are listed on WFDC's BARR or GARR they are not permitted to care for children on days forecast as Catastrophic fire danger rating).
- NA

My plan on days forecast as **EXTREME Fire Danger Rating** is to:

- Check my bushfire survival or grassfire plan & that my property is fire ready.
- Regularly monitor my VicEmergency app for local weather conditions or incidents & remain informed by listening to ABC local radio, AM station 3LO-774, commercial radio stations or Sky News TV; accessing the [Welcome to CFA | CFA \(Country Fire Authority\)](#) website or calling either the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.
- If a bushfire starts in my area, take immediate action. Follow my response plan & evacuate myself & the children to the safest of my offsite evacuation locations. Contact parents to advise of the situation & arrange collection of the children from there.
- If a grassfire starts in my area, walk at least 2 streets back from the fire. If I am already 2 or more streets back from the grassfire, I will remain at home and follow my lockdown response plan.
- Follow any additional advice or instructions from emergency services.
- Reconsider travel through bushfire prone areas. If trips in the car are necessary however (e.g.: school drop-offs/pick-ups), I will check the CFA website for any current warnings or fire incidents & tune into a local radio station to keep informed of any warnings that may be broadcast.

OR: **Close my service** (Educator's choice) NA

