

**WAC 110-301-0166 Emergency preparation and exiting.** (1) To be properly prepared for an emergency, a school-age program must have an emergency preparedness plan pursuant to WAC 110-301-0470.

(2) A school-age provider must have the following in case of an emergency:

(a) A working flashlight or other emergency lighting device must be available for use as an emergency light source. Battery powered flashlights must have an extra set of batteries easily available; and

(b) A working telephone must be available for use with sufficient backup power to function in an emergency.

(3) To ensure a safe exit from the premises during an emergency, the school-age provider must comply with the following requirements:

(a) Exit doors must not be partially or entirely blocked;

(b) For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, emergency exit doors must remain unlocked from the inside, but may be locked from the outside while the school-age program is open. The door handle must be of the type that can be opened from the inside without the use of a key, tools, or special knowledge, and must automatically unlock when the knob or handle is turned; and

(c) Exit doors that are not designated as an emergency exit door may be locked during operating hours. For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, locking interior doors in school-age program space must be designed to be unlocked from either side. An unlocking device must be readily available.

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