

A Child's Garden
515 B & A Blvd.
Severna Park, MD 21146

Wee Lad & Lassie
1281 B & A Blvd.
Arnold, MD 21012

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Our child care center's philosophy is to keep your child(ren) safe at all times when he/she is in our care. With recent world and local events, we have developed an emergency plan that will be put into place in the event that special circumstances require a different type of care. Plans for these special types of care were implemented recently. Staff is trained in the appropriate response and local emergency management is aware of these plans. The specific type of emergency will guide where and what special care will be provided.

- **Shelter at the site** – This plan would be put into place in the event of a weather emergency or unsafe outside conditions or threats. In this plan, children will be cared for indoors at the center and the center may be secured or locked to restrict entry. Parents will be notified if they need to pick up their child before their regular time.
- **Evacuation to another site** – This plan would be put into place in the event that it is not safe for the children to remain at the center. In this situation, staff has predetermined alternate sites for care. **Our first choice is to evacuate to the Jones Station Fire Department on B & A Blvd. in Severna Park. Our second choice is to evacuate to the Severna Park High School on Benfield Blvd.** We have gained permission from both of these locations to shelter there. The choice of site is determined by the specific emergency and what would be an appropriate alternate site.
- **Method to contact parents** – In the event of an emergency, parents will be called, a note will be placed on the door, and radio/TV stations will be alerted to provide more specific information. You can also check for information on our website www.weeladandlassie.com or www.achildsgarden2.com. **We ask that you provide the office with a priority phone number that we would call first and would most likely be answered immediately.**
- **Emergency ends/reuniting with children** – When the emergency ends, parents will be informed and reunited with their children as soon as possible. The contact methods listed above will be used to inform parents.

The purpose for sharing this information with you is not to cause you worry, but to reassure you that we are prepared to handle all types of emergencies in a way that will ensure the safety of your child(ren). In the event of an actual emergency, please do not call the center – it will be important to keep the lines open. If you have questions regarding this information, talk with the center director or your child's teacher.