

Emergency Preparedness for Childcare: Fire, Weather, and Lockdown Drills That Work Stats and Facts



FACTS

- Preparedness reduces panic.
- Drills build confidence and coordination.
- Children rely on adult cues during emergencies.
- Clear roles prevent dangerous delays.
- Practice reveals gaps before real emergencies occur.

STATS

- The U.S. Fire Administration reports that evacuation delays significantly increase injury risk during fires.
- The CDC identifies accountability failures as a common factor in evacuation-related injuries.
- U.S. emergency preparedness studies show repeated drills improve response times and compliance.
- Canadian emergency management agencies emphasize regular drills as critical for childcare safety.