

**WAC 110-302-0147 Weather conditions and outdoor hazards. (1)**

ONB providers must observe weather conditions and other possible hazards to take appropriate action to protect and promote child health, safety, and well-being. Conditions that pose a health or safety risk may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Heat in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or pursuant to advice of the local authority;
- (b) Cold less than 20 degrees Fahrenheit, or pursuant to advice of the local authority;
- (c) Lightning storm, tornado, hurricane, or flooding if there is immediate or likely danger;
- (d) Earthquake;
- (e) Strong winds, including gusts over 25 mph;
- (f) Air quality emergency ordered by a local or state authority on air quality or public health;
- (g) Lockdown notification ordered by a public safety authority; and
- (h) Other similar incidents.

(2) ONB providers must ensure children are dressed for weather conditions during outdoor program time. ONB programs must ensure all children have appropriate clothing for the time spent outdoors and have extra clothing to meet children's comfort and safety needs throughout the day, as needed. This must include rainy or cold weather clothing such as waterproof boots, rain pants, rain jacket, a moisture-wicking layer, two sets of gloves, and a hat to keep the child's head dry and warm.

(3) ONB programs must have a required clothing policy or ONB program to loan the appropriate clothing and other necessary equipment to children, which must be included in the parent or guardian handbook pursuant to WAC 110-302-0450. ONB providers must work with families that require assistance in meeting their child's clothing needs.

(4) ONB providers must remain aware of the children's verbal and nonverbal cues regarding their warmth and comfort and respond appropriately to ensure the children's health and safety. These responses may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Keeping children active and moving in cold weather;
- (b) Resting in shaded areas to cool off; and
- (c) Assisting children to remove or add layers of clothing, while supporting their development of self-regulation skills.

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