



Hello Compass Families. Summer is just around the corner and will hopefully bring fun in the sun to all. We would like to take the opportunity to refresh everyone about earthquake preparedness.

Earthquakes, and all disasters, are traumatizing events. It may be several hours before you are able to pick up your child. **Is there someone close to the center who you would like to designate to pick up?** If so, please ensure Compass has those names on file so your child may be released to him/her. Prior written consent must be provided. In the event of a disaster, the center will retain responsibility of all children on the premises until they are released to a parent, guardian, or other designated person. In such instances that call for transportation to an official evacuation center, staff will remain with the children until all have been reunited with their families.

In order to help keep the children safe and feel secure, we ask parents to provide an **Earthquake Comfort Kit** specific to their child.

Your child's kit should contain:

- A comfort note saying you love them and someone will be there shortly
- Picture(s) of family, pet, etc.
- 2-3 non-perishable snacks
- Juice box, water bottle
- Anything extra you'd like your child to have

\*please place all items in ziplock bag with his or her name written on the bag

Compass Childcare Center has an emergency kit on-site containing your child's information, first aid supplies, blankets, water and food.

We are asking families to donate any of the following:

- Canned goods/ non-perishable food items
- Baby Formula/cereal
- Diapers and wipes
- Bottled water

On a monthly basis, Compass carries out earthquake drills and evacuation drills to ensure we are equipped and ready should a disaster occur. Each center has a designated meeting place should our building be deemed unsafe. Those places are as follows:

**Ridley:** Colwood Pentecostal Church

**Jeanine:** Kingdom Hall Of Jehovah's Witnesses

We encourage you to talk to your child(ren) about safety protocols at home as well. If you have any questions, please talk to one of us. Together we will be prepared!