



# SAFETY AFTER THE STORM

HELPING TEACHERS GET  
BACK INTO THEIR CLASSROOMS

## POST-STORM SAFETY GUIDE

**WE KNOW YOU TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY  
OF YOUR STUDENTS' SAFETY VERY SERIOUSLY**

Whether your space is temporary, portable or a semi-functioning classroom, they all can present safety concerns. As you welcome your students back during this post-storm period, this guide will help to ensure a safe environment for all.



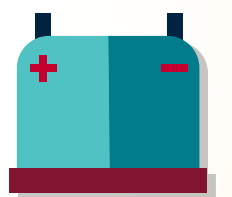
### GAS LEAKS

During storms, gas leak disconnections are common. If you smell gas, make sure to immediately evacuate your students! Then, report your concern to administration or building maintenance.

### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING

- CO alarms may not be installed or functioning.
- Learn to recognize the symptoms of CO poisoning. CO is colorless, odorless and tasteless. Symptoms include headaches, loss of hearing, dizziness, blurry vision, weakness, vomiting, loss of consciousness, rapid heartbeats and nausea. If you notice any of these symptoms in your students, make sure to evacuate immediately and report your concern to administration or building maintenance.

### PORTABLE GENERATORS



Portable generators should be used only outside in a well-ventilated area, away from windows and doors; they emit toxic carbon monoxide gas. Make sure to keep children away from the generators at all times.

### ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

- For electrical connections, use UL-LISTED extension cords.
- Do NOT plug any appliances into an outlet if it may be wet or any amount of dampness is present.
- If any equipment is already plugged in and you notice that it is damp or wet, contact administration or building maintenance.

### MOLD GROWTH

- Controlling moisture is the most critical factor for preventing mold growth. Wear gloves when you are checking books, rugs, pillows, stuffed animals and curtains for mold.
- If you spot mold growth, do NOT touch it – instead, report it to the administration or building maintenance. If you or a student happens to come in contact with the mold, wash your hands with soap and warm water. Use water that has been boiled for a full minute (allow the water to cool before washing hands).



### HEALING TIME

Missing school can be difficult for students. Remember to leave time to talk about the storm and give kids the chance to talk, write and tell stories about their experiences. Focus on the positive community spirit and how everyone is helping each other. This will assist in the healing and recovery process.