

## Emergency Cold Weather Shelter



The South Snohomish County Emergency Shelter Network was formed in 2008 to provide warm and safe shelter at night for the most vulnerable people in our neighborhoods.

An emergency cold weather event is declared when the temperature is anticipated to be 33 °F, or below, for 4 hours or more overnight. The network declares and publicizes the event through a phone hotline, reader board at Trinity Lutheran Church, and a posting at Lynnwood Library.

Call the hotline (after 1 pm) to find out if a shelter will be available that night. For details about accessing shelter services call:

**Emergency Cold Weather Shelter  
Hotline  
425-778-2159 extension #296**

The Emergency Shelter will provide men, women, and children with the following:

- Safe place out of the cold overnight
- Transportation as scheduled
- Dinner and breakfast
- Welcoming shelter hosts

Since the winter of 2008, the South Snohomish County Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Network has provided 81 shelter nights bringing 1,157 people in out of the cold.

## Shelter Policies

***We seek to create a safe environment  
for all of our shelter guests.  
The following policies are essential  
to this outcome:***

- Overnight guests MUST enter the shelter from check in/pick-up locations.
- Security screening and registration are done at the check in/pick-up sites.
- Absolutely no illegal drugs can be brought into the shelter. Only prescribed medication is permitted.
- Smoking is permitted only in a designated area.
- If the population seeking shelter exceeds the capacity of our network, preference is given to children, women, elderly, and the sick.
- The shelter provides a safe place full of caring people, free from intimidation, physical violence, verbal abuse, sexual harassment, foul language and discrimination.
- No alcohol is allowed.
- No weapons are allowed.

“We cannot all do great things,  
but we can do small things with great love.”  
*Mother Teresa*



The partners and individuals that comprise the South Snohomish County Emergency Shelter Network offer compassion to our neighbors in need, working to make a difference in the community.

If you or your organization are interested in joining our effort to create a safe shelter in cold weather emergencies, please contact:

Mark or Sue Waldin  
425-419-7938  
[mwaldin@flycatcherinc.com](mailto:mwaldin@flycatcherinc.com)

## Volunteering and Donations

The South Snohomish County Emergency Shelter Network is privately funded and operated. If you are interested in supporting the network, we encourage you to consider these opportunities:

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Shelter Host (night or morning)
- Shelter Team Captain
- Food / Meal Preparation
- Transportation (driving the shelter van)
- Security check In

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### Donations

- Hats, gloves, socks, underwear
- Food items including:
  - coffee and hot apple cider
  - individual packaged snacks like pudding
  - granola bars, nuts, trail mix
  - candy bars

### Financial Contributions

Checks can be written to Trinity Lutheran Church with the "memo" designation of Emergency Shelter Network. All proceeds will fund shelter operations. A receipt for a tax deductible contribution can be provided.

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# Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Network 2011-2012



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Edmonds United Methodist Church

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Trinity Lutheran Church