

Philadelphia Infant Toddler Early Intervention

Acts of Nature

The little used category "**Acts of Nature**" is applicable for any visits with families that you have had to cancel because of severe weather or other 'natural conditions' or circumstance that exist because of 'natural conditions'.

This Includes:

- ice and snow storms
- impassable streets
- cancelled public transportation routes [if this is your mode of travel]
- the inability to park due to the snow and ice
- the agency is closed because of inclement weather and/or
- The City of Philadelphia has declared a snow emergency and has asked citizens to stay off of the streets.
- **Power outages [in the family or facility location]*
- **Extreme cold temperatures and the home is unheated*
- **Extreme hot temperatures {95 degrees and above} and the home is not cooled by fans or air conditioners*

Whether it was a service start, an evaluation or an ongoing visit missed-the reason for delay would be categorized as "Acts of Nature". In the case of ongoing visits where delay reasons are not needed, please make sure to indicate that the visit was missed due to 'acts of nature' or specify the weather condition on the service contact note in the child's case file.

****Note: in situations where families are living in conditions that are not conducive for service visits, the conditions are also unsuitable for young children. In these circumstances, the County will expect to see documentation that providers and service coordinators have worked with the family and have identified a safe and suitable housing alternative.***