



## *Office of the State Fire Marshal*

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### **Warming and Cooling Centers**

In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Office of The State Fire Marshal recognizes the need for temporary warming and cooling centers.

Temporary warming and cooling centers may be established in business buildings, assembly occupancies, education buildings and places of worship.

Before any warming or cooling center may be occupied, the local fire department must verify that the building complies with the Rhode Island Life Safety Code.

Sleeping is not permitted.

Cooking is prohibited unless the building meets the requirements outlined in Chapter 50 of the Rhode Island Fire Code.

Should you require any further assistance or clarification, please contact Chief Deputy Marshal David Pastore at (401) 889-5470 or via email at [David.Pastore@dbr.ri.gov](mailto:David.Pastore@dbr.ri.gov).