

# Extreme Cold Weather Alerts – Allentown and Lehigh County

## Homeless people do not need to stay outside

During the winter the County builds on extensive supports already available throughout the year.

### TAKE ACTION! Call:

Contact Lehigh County  
Conference of Churches at  
610-433-6421

Contact Lehigh County  
Information and Referral at  
610-782-3200

Contact Valley Wide Help at  
610-435-7111

TTY/TTD 610-866-0131

Valley Youth House 24 hr.  
Hotline 610-691-1200



If you see someone on the street  
in need of assistance:

Always call 911 in an  
emergency

### Too cold for the street (at or below 32 degrees F)

Lehigh County has many services for homeless people year round, including mostly 24/7 emergency shelters, weekday drop ins, housing assistance, street outreach, and soup kitchens. But when winter arrives, **the need for a community response out of safety concerns is critical.**

**All winter** the following services are provided in addition to those available year round:

- Monitoring for extreme weather conditions, allowing homeless assistance providers to take appropriate measures when such conditions arise.
- Monitoring the condition of homeless people living outside during winter months through welfare checks and point-in-time counts. Services throughout the county are provided in partnership with community outreach providers.
- Potential to increase shelter system bed capacity, through the use of FEMA dollars to support hotel rooms, as needed.
- Providing additional assistance to families through the City of Allentown and County of Lehigh Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Stimulus program.

**Year round**, the following services are delivered:

- Linkage Homeless Outreach Program (street outreach during the winter and summer)
- Valley Youth House Outreach Program (street outreach program targeting runaway youth)
- Lehigh County Information and Referral, 17 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Allentown, no appointment is needed
- Emergency shelters; open 365 days of the year, 24/7
- Drop-in centers and soup kitchens including services at some on weekends and holidays
- Referrals to Sixth St. Shelter, a program of Community Action Committee of LV, most appropriate for families facing homelessness which require short to moderate-term transitional housing

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## Additional cold weather services triggered by an Extreme Cold Weather Alert include:

- Certain Shelter Standards are relaxed (including service restrictions and curfews in shelters), and shelters may modify their hours of admission and discharge (i.e., earlier admission and later discharge).
- Contact is made with more than 40 organizations and agencies that work with homeless people throughout the city, in order to ensure they can adequately prepare and respond to increased demand for services.

**LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES**

• Alliance Hall \* 534 Chew Street

Housing, Jobs, Nutrition, Health, Information and Referral and Support

**610-433-6421**

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Allentown Rescue Mission .....	610-740-5500
L.C. Crisis Intervention - Mental Health .....	610-782-3127
L.C. Information & Referral .....	610-782-3200
Lehigh County Conference of Churches .....	610-433-6421
L.V. Drug & Alcohol Intake Unit.....	610-432-2228
L.V. Hospital, 17th & Chew Streets.....	610-969-2388
Sacred Heart Hospital.....	610-776-4770
Salvation Army .....	610-432-0129
Sixth Street Shelter.....	610-435-1490
Turning Point (Domestic Violence Crisis – 24 hrs.) .....	610-437-3369
Valley Wide Help .....	610-435-7111
Allentown Veterans Clinic.....	610-776-4304, ext.4364

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