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TAKE SHELTER IN COLD TEMPERATURES

Wake County is reminding people that agencies providing shelter for homeless individuals will implement the "White Flag" system whenever the temperature is projected to be 32 degrees Fahrenheit or below any time between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., or when there is heavy or steady precipitation and the temperature is projected to be 38 degrees Fahrenheit or below between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. The White Flag system is in effect through March 31, 2015. The shelters will not turn anyone away even if they are at capacity.

White Flag events are identified by extreme inclement weather and an actual white flag displayed at the shelter facility. The sites are located in Raleigh at

Location	Address	Contact
The South Wilmington Street Center	1420 S. Wilmington St.	919-857-9428
The Healing Place of Wake County	3310 Glen Royal Rd.	919-838-9800
Raleigh Rescue Mission	314 E. Hargett St.	919-828-9014
Salvation Army	1863 Capital Blvd.	919-834-6733

All men seeking shelter should first contact the South Wilmington Street Center for referral. Women with children should contact The Salvation Army. Women with or without children may contact the Raleigh Rescue Mission.

On average more than 1,000 individuals are homeless each night in Wake County, and thousands more are staying with other families and are at risk of homelessness. The South Wilmington Street Center alone accommodated 84,220 overnight stays for homeless individuals between 2013 and 2014.

Additionally, [ReadyWAKE!](#) provides emergency preparedness tips on how to keep safe during the winter months. For more information, visit www.readywake.com/beprepared/weather .

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