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Resources and Links

Preparedness Resources for People with Disabilities

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Ready.gov

- http://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs
- The ready.gov website has a section focused on preparedness information for people with disabilities or functional needs. It includes an instructional video as well as the brochure "Prepared for Emergencies Now: Information for people with Disabilities" (copy of brochure attached).
    - http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/FEMA_Disabilities_R-6.pdf
        - To download brochure for people with disabilities
    - http://www.ready.gov/publications
        - To order larger quantities of the publications (no cost)
- Ready.gov also has basic emergency preparedness resources that may be useful, such as printable wallet cards to write emergency contact numbers or other information on.
- Spanish language version of ready.gov can be found at www.listo.gov

Illinois Emergency Management Agency Sign Language Preparedness Videos

- http://ready.illinois.gov/MultiMedia/default.htm#ASLVideos
- ASL videos on topics such as making a plan, building a kit, getting trained, volunteering, sheltering in place, going to a shelter, planning for people with functional needs, and planning for evacuations.

Accessible Emergency Information

- http://www.accessibleemergencyinfo.com/home.html
- This website provides emergency preparedness information in accessible formats, including:
    - ASL translated video files that can be downloaded (no cost)
    - Braille formatted downloadable documents
    - Large print downloadable documents
- General emergency preparedness information (including natural hazard preparedness), and public health information about anthrax, pandemic flu, botulism, smallpox, medical information and others.

Accessible Communication 4 All
- http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/aacvocabulary/e4all.shtml#index
- Downloadable sheets of common emergency terms with pictures and/or words
  - English, Spanish and Cajun/Creole language versions.

Washington Emergency Management Division Preparedness video clips
- http://www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_personal_prep_video_index.shtml
- Contains personal preparedness videos including:
  - How to use a fire extinguisher
  - How to secure furniture to the wall
  - How to shut of water, electricity and gas
  - General safety videos regarding carbon monoxide, downed power lines, setting up and safely using a generator, etc.
- **Videos are not <u>all</u> accessible**- some include text but no voice/audio, others include audio but have no captions or script available. A few do have both audio and captioning.

Feeling Safe Being Safe
- http://www.dds.ca.gov/consumercorner/EmergencyPreparedness.cfm
- Tools developed by and for people with disabilities.
- Includes a workbook that will help individuals to make an emergency plan, a video that demonstrates how to complete the workbook and put together a home emergency kit, and a printable magnet to post important emergency contact information on the refrigerator for first responders.

National Organization on Disability- Emergency Preparedness Resources
- http://nod.org/research_publications/emergency_preparedness_materials/for_people_with_disabilities/
- Includes text based and PDF information on:
  - Disaster Readiness Tips for People with Mobility Disabilities
  - Disaster Readiness Tips for People with Sensory Disabilities
  - Disaster Readiness Tips for People with Cognitive Disabilities
  - Disaster Readiness Tips for Owners of Pets or Service Animals

Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network
- http://www.cepintdi.org/
- Website designed to promote awareness among emergency responders and people with disabilities.
- Lots of information and videos designed for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Prepare Now.org
- http://www.preparenow.org/prepare.html
- Earthquake preparedness tips for
  - People with mobility disabilities
  - People with cognitive disabilities
  - People with multiple chemical sensitivities
  - People who use life support systems
  - People with psychiatric disabilities
  - Many others
- Tips on collecting emergency documents and creating an emergency health information card
- Preparedness resources also offered in Spanish

Planning Resources for Emergency Managers and Support Agencies
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Planning Guides
- Comprehensive Planning Guide 101 Version 2
  - www.fema.gov/about/divisions/cpg.shtm
- Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters
  - www.fema.gov/pdf/about/odic/fnss_guidance.pdf
- National Organization on Disability (NOD)- Functional Needs of People with Disabilities: A Guide for Emergency Managers, Planners and Responders
  - http://nod.org/research_publications/emergency_preparedness_materials/
- Emergency Response for People who have Access and Functional Needs: A Guide for First Responders
  - http://terrorism.spcollege.edu/SPAWARAFN/index.html

Toolkits
- Department of Justice ADA Best Practices Toolkit for State and Local Governments
  - http://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm
- Texas Functional Needs Toolkit
  - https://www.preparingtexas.org/preparedness.aspx?page=32137bc8-eed7-42bb-ad7e-2765fd8abdb9

Webinar Archives

- Community Preparedness Webinar Series
  - Evacuation of Students with Access and Functional Needs
    - http://www.citizencorps.gov/news/webcasts/schoolevacuations.shtm
  - Emergency Management and Compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act
    - http://www.citizencorps.gov/news/webcasts/disabilities.shtm
- Getting Real – 2010 Inclusive Emergency Management National Capacity Building Training Conference Webinar
  - http://www.fema.gov/about/odic/conference.shtm
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  - http://www.fema.gov/about/odic/conference.shtm

Videos

- Emergency Planning for People with Access and Functional Needs Video
  - http://orise.orau.gov/CSEPP/resources/videos/Functional%20Needs/index.html
- Live Response: Planning for the Whole Community
  - http://terrorism.spcollege.edu/Broadcasts/LRBroadcast0611.aspx

Studies and Other Resources

- Disasters, Evacuations and Persons with Disabilities: An Assessment of Key Issues Facing Individuals and Households
  - http://www.disabilityevacuationstudy.org/Research1.html
- Promising Practices for Evacuating People with Disabilities
  - http://www.disabilityevacuationstudy.org/Application1.html
- Emergency Communications for All – Free Downloadable Emergency Communication Aids
  - http://www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/aacvocabulary/e4all.shtml#index

Statistical Resources

- U.S. Census Bureau Disability Statistics
  - http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/disability/disability.html
- Center for Personal Assistance Services
  - Can obtain state or county-level data
  - http://www.pascenter.org/state_based_stats/disability_stats/index.php?title=Disability%20Statistics

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