

Planning for a Disaster: Individuals with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs

The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1 and continues through November 30th of every year. An individual's ability to recover from an emergency tomorrow may depend on the planning and preparation done today. The following information provides tips which individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, and the people who assist and support them, can take to prepare for emergencies before they happen.

Get Ready: Planning for a Disaster: Individuals with disabilities and others with Access and Functional Needs

<http://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs>

Video: (Captioned) Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities and Other Access and Functional Needs

<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/videos/78827>

Preparedness Videos and Information

- [Importance of Preparedness for the Disability Community \(Video with ASL\)](#) – Marcie Roth, Director of FEMA's Office of Disability Integration and Coordination.
- Northeast Texas Public Health District Accessible Emergency Information <http://www.Accessibleemergencyinfo.com/> Also includes Braille and large print versions of documents.
- Get valuable information on **Making a Plan, Building a Kit that meets your families' needs and viewing Texas specific Videos on the importance of preparation:** <http://www.texasprepares.org/> (English & Spanish, Checklists in various languages)
- Texas Key Laws and Resources related to Emergency Management http://gov.texas.gov/disabilities/resources/emergency_management

Additional Emergency Supplies

<http://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs>

State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

Call 2-1-1 for a voluntary registry called State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry or STEAR for people who need assistance and evacuation in the case of a hurricane or natural disaster. The public may register year-round. Registry information will be forwarded to local Offices of Emergency Management (OEMs). Local OEMs have the responsibility for coordinating evacuations. You can also register online at <https://publicregistry.csr.utexas.edu/enroll/newuser>

Any Texan is eligible to register.

- Dial 2-1-1 to register in advance for a ride.

- If you have a disability or a medical health care need which requires assistance to get out.
- If you cannot drive and cannot arrange transportation.
- If you do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.