

Special Populations Plan

If you or someone you know has a special need or disability, extra planning and preparing may be required. Additional steps might be needed to protect yourself and your household or neighborhood in case of an emergency. If you have neighbors with special needs, help them make a plan to ensure they are taken care of.

Out of Town Contact: _____	Family Member Meeting Place: _____
E-mail: _____	Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____
Phone Number: _____	Regional Meeting Place: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____	Evacuation Location: _____

Take these steps to make sure you are ready if disaster strikes.

- Find out about special assistance that may be available in your community. Register with the office of emergency services or fire department for assistance, so needed help can be provided quickly in an emergency.
- Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends and co-workers to aid you in an emergency. Discuss your needs and make sure they know how to operate necessary equipment.
- Discuss your needs with your employer.
- If you are mobility impaired and live or work in a high-rise building, have an escape chair.
- If you live in an apartment building, ask the management to mark accessible exits clearly and to make arrangements to help you evacuate the building.
- Keep extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food for guide or hearing-ear dogs, or other items you might need. Also, keep a list of the type and serial numbers of medical devices you need.
- Those who are not disabled should learn who in their neighborhood or building is disabled so that they may assist them during emergencies.
- If you are a care-giver for a person with special needs, make sure you have a plan to communicate if an emergency occurs.

Research the organizations in your area that can assist you in case of an emergency.

Community Organization For	Phone Number	Contact	Web Site
Hearing Impaired			
Mobility Impaired			
Visually Impaired			
Speaking Disabilities			
Single Parents			
Elderly			
Pets			
Other Special Needs:			