

Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities, Access, and Functional Needs

WHO



Persons with disabilities, access and functional needs during a disaster.

Examples Include:

- You require personal assistive devices
- You utilize home health services
- You are confined to a bed or wheelchair
- You need assistance to bathe, dress, or feed yourself
- You require oxygen or use an oxygen concentrator
- You require dialysis

Individuals who need assistance with activities of daily living, have mobility considerations, **REQUIRE** electricity or water for medical devices, routine medical support in the home, or transportation assistance

WHAT



Your plan must include emergency supplies and support systems to enable self-reliance with no outside help.

You must plan to be self-reliant to shelter in place at home for a minimum of 7-days or to evacuate to an alternate safe location for up to 2 weeks in the event of:

- Loss of utilities like electricity, water or natural gas
- Dangerous road conditions that stop travel, including 9-1-1 providers
- Closure of your home health services, dialysis centers and/or pharmacies
- Suspension of meal services, deliveries, or other home support services
- Suspension of public transportation, ride share, and taxi services
- Lack of gasoline, diesel and EV charging stations

WHERE



Your plan must include alternate locations to ride out the emergency or disaster.

You must plan for the decision to stay or evacuate:

- Remember, if you choose to stay, it may be several days (7-10) before help can reach you
- Make sure you have what you need (food, water, medical device batteries, back-up power sources, medications, medical supplies, oxygen cylinders) for 7-10 days
- If you evacuate, bring the necessary supplies you need (medications, equipment) and support provider (caretaker) to address your special daily needs and activities for 2 weeks.
- Have an alternate location where you can stay
- Arrange your transportation to your location

HOW



Prepare your plan now.

Identify the items you depend on for a normal day:

- Discuss with your medical providers how to get additional supplies, batteries, medications, oxygen cylinders to keep you safe for 2 weeks
- Begin collecting your medical supplies, food, water, and other supportive items and store them in a safe place
- Plan for extended care for your service animal or pet
- Create a support network with friends, family, neighbors to ensure needed assistance
- Stay informed and follow the advice of local authorities