

At-A-Glance

Individuals with Access and Functional Needs



Who are the individuals with Access and Functional Needs...

- Those who are deaf or hard of hearing may need to make special arrangements to receive emergency warnings.
- Single working parents and those with limited English proficiency may need help planning for disasters and emergencies. Community, faith based and cultural groups may be able to help keep people informed.
- People without vehicles may need to make arrangements for transportation.

Emergency Items...

- Copies of prescriptions, doctor orders, and the style and serial numbers of the support devices you use.
- Extra glasses, hearing aids, extra batteries or battery chargers for hearing aids, motorized wheelchairs, or other battery-operated medical or assistive technology devices.
- Medical alert tags or bracelets or written descriptions of your disability and support needs.
- Service animal supplies.
- Medical insurance cards, Medicare/Medicaid cards, physician contact information, list of allergies, and health history.
- List of the local non-profit or community-based organizations that know you or assist people with access and functional needs similar to yours.
- List of personal contacts, family, and friends you may need to contact in an emergency.
- Laminated personal communication board, if you might need assistance with being understood.
- If possible, extra medicine, oxygen, insulin, catheters, or other medical supplies you use regularly.
- If you use a motorized wheelchair or scooter, have a manual wheelchair available. Know the size and weight of your wheelchair, in addition to whether or not it is collapsible, in case it has to be transported.
- Even if you do not use a computer yourself, consider putting important information onto a portable thumb drive for easy transport in an evacuation.

Sources: ready.gov

