Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources

This fact sheet lists state and national emergency preparedness resources, including websites, disability agencies, EP organizations, bibliographies, reports, and consumer resources reviewed and recommended by the Marketing and Networking Subcommittee of the Virginia Health Promotion for People with Disabilities (HPPD) Task Force. Explore the various websites and resources for people with disabilities (PWD) to determine which will best meet your local needs.

American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD)  www.aahd.us
- National Consortium on Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response for PWD

Guides and Resource Materials

Disaster Resources for People with Disabilities, Disability-related Organizations and Emergency Managers and Planners  www.jik.com/disaster.html
Emergency Evacuation Preparedness: Taking Responsibility for Your Safety  (From the Center for Disability Issues and Health Professions)  www.cdihp.org  (under “Products”)
FEMA Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters  www.fema.gov/about/odic

Virginia Emergency Preparedness Information

Hampton Roads Special Needs-Emergency Preparedness  www.hrspecialneeds.org
Virginia Department of Emergency Management  www.vaemergency.com/prepare/specneeds
Ready Virginia  www.readyvirginia.gov
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Mid-Atlantic ADA Information Center  www.adainfo.org

- ADA Checklist for Emergency Shelters
  Go to www.ada.gov or call the U.S. Department of Justice ADA Information Line at 800.514.0301 (Voice), or 800.514.0383 (TTY)

What Are Other States Doing?

Texas Accessible Emergency Information (information on 18 emergency preparedness topics accessible to deaf, blind and limited sight populations)  www.accessibleemergencyinfo.com

Iowa Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (info on all-hazard planning for PWD and community professionals)  www.idph.state.ia.us/bh/disability_emergency_prep.asp

University of Kansas, Research and Training Center on Independent Living (array of resources including The Prepared Lifestyle: How to Plan for Seasonal and Pandemic Flu and Other Emergencies)  www.nobodyleftbehind2.org

National Emergency Preparedness and Disability Organizations

American Red Cross  www.redcross.org or www.prepare.org or call your local chapter
American Foundation for the Blind, Senior Site  www.afb.org/seniorsite
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Emergency Preparedness  www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth
Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN)  www.cepintdi.org
DeafLink  www.deaflink.com
Disability Preparedness Resource Center  www.disabilitypreparedness.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  www.fema.gov/preparedness
National Organization on Disability (NOD)  www.nod.org/emergency
Preparing for and Responding to Emergencies and Disaster  www.disability.gov/emergency_preparedness
Project Lifesaver: Bringing Loved Ones Home  www.projectlifesaver.org

For more information, contact the Virginia HPPD Project  804.828.8587  www.hppd.vcu.edu

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