

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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## Target Audience: City Government

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Guide	<p>“An ADA Guide for Local Governments: Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities by the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section”—this guide discusses how local governments should make emergency preparedness and response programs accessible to people with disabilities in their plans for notification, evacuation, sheltering, and returning people to their homes.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm">http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm</a></p>
Report	<p>A report on a survey of Texas cities on emergency preparedness for people with disabilities conducted by the Governor's Committee from the Office of the Governor of Texas, Rick Perry—this brief report lists survey results, as well as strengths of some cities, such as working with the Red Cross, challenges including a need to involve people with disabilities directly in emergency planning and training efforts, and training needs.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/disabilities/resources/ada/emergency_preparedness">http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/disabilities/resources/ada/emergency_preparedness</a></p>
Report	<p>“Oklahoma City—Seven Years Later: Lessons for Other Communities” by the Oklahoma City National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) (2002)—this report captures the most important points from the Oklahoma City bombing from some of the thousands of people—professionals and volunteers—who helped the people of Oklahoma City recover from the disaster. The booklet offers 32 half-sized pages of bulleted points, and each copy contains a CD-ROM which offers more detailed accounts of the experiences of many individuals, a study of communication flows before, during, and after the incident, and a book-length study by the American Psychological</p>	<p><a href="http://www.mipt.org/okc7toc.asp">http://www.mipt.org/okc7toc.asp</a></p>

	Association of the mental health response to the Oklahoma City bombing. It was distributed to governors, city mayors, and emergency officials across the nation.	
Resolution	“Resolution # 2002-01 Urging the Purchase of Emergency Evacuation Chairs for the City and County of San Francisco” by the Mayor's Disability Council of the City and County of San Francisco—in light of the September 11 tragedy, this resolution urges the Mayor of San Francisco and his staff to invest in emergency evacuation chairs for all City-owned multi-story buildings, to seek emergency response funding from the state and Federal governments to assist with these costs, and to incorporate training for their use in Emergency Evacuation Plans.	<a href="http://sfgov.org/site/sfmdc_page.asp?id=5817">http://sfgov.org/site/sfmdc_page.asp?id=5817</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
First-Hand Accounts**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Newsletter	"September 11, 2001: A Day to Remember" New Mobility by Josie Byzek and Tim Gilmer—here are the stories of two men, Ed Beyea and John Abruzzo--both wheelchair users--who were working on separate floors of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. One lived and one died, but their stories remain as a tribute to the friends and coworkers who risked their lives to help them.	<a href="http://www.newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=461&amp;action=browse">http://www.newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=461&amp;action=browse</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Guidelines, Recommendations and Tips for Cold Temperatures**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tips	"Emergency Preparedness: Tips for Citizens with Special Needs" by The Kitsap County, Washington Department of Emergency Management— provides tips for citizens with disabilities during periods of severe cold spells, freezing or below freezing temperatures, ice and snow, and low wind chills.	<a href="http://www.kitsapdem.org/preparedness/winter/disabilities.html">http://www.kitsapdem.org/preparedness/winter/disabilities.html</a>

## Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities: Guidelines, Recommendations and Tips for Earthquakes

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Guide	<p>“Prepare for What Will Happen” developed by Disabled People and Disaster Planning” (DP2)—a guide describing what to do before and during an earthquake. It also includes links to web pages that will provide more generalized information to help prepare for an earthquake. DP2 is a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/</a></p>
Tips	<p>1) “Earthquake Tips for People with Disabilities”—includes: establishing a personal support network; conducting an “Ability Self-Assessment”; collecting supplies to keep at all times; collecting disability-related supplies for emergency kits; maintaining a seven-day supply of essential medications; keeping important equipment and assistive devices in consistent, convenient and secured places; and practicing assertiveness skills.</p> <p>2) “Earthquake Tips for Creating an Emergency Health Information Card”—communicates to rescuers what they need to know if they find a person with disabilities unconscious or incoherent or need to quickly help evacuate the person. Details what card should contain, gives examples and recommends where to keep copies.</p> <p>3) “Earthquake Tips for Collecting Emergency Documents”—</p>	<p><a href="http://www.preparenow.org/eqtips.html">http://www.preparenow.org/eqtips.html</a> (can be viewed online)</p> <p><a href="http://www.jik.com/resource.html#Disaster%20Preparedness">http://www.jik.com/resource.html#Disaster%20Preparedness:</a></p> <p>18 pages, \$20. Item # 96-3</p> <p>Send order to:</p> <p>Resources June Isaacson Kailes Disability Policy Consultant 6201 Ocean Front Walk, Suite 2 Playa del Rey, California 90293-7556</p>

	<p>details important information typically needed after a disaster.</p> <p>4) “Earthquake Tips for People with Specific Disabilities”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with Visual Disabilities</li> <li>• People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired</li> <li>• People with Communication and Speech Related Disabilities</li> <li>• People with Psychiatric Disabilities</li> <li>• People with Developmental or Cognitive Disabilities</li> <li>• People with Environmental Illness or Multiple Chemical Sensitivities</li> <li>• People who Use Life Support Systems</li> <li>• People with Mobility Disabilities</li> <li>• People with Psychiatric Disabilities</li> <li>• Service Animal and Pet Owners</li> </ul>	<p>Phone 310-821-7080, Fax 310-827-0269</p> <p><a href="mailto:jik@pacbell.net">jik@pacbell.net</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Disabled People and DP2 Disaster Planning”—while this website deals with people with disabilities and access in earthquakes, it has useful information for other situations. “Disabled People and Disaster Planning” (DP2) is a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/</a></p>
Training and Guide	<p>“Living and Lasting on Shaky Ground: an Earthquake Preparedness Guide for People with Disabilities”—this 147-page guide provides practical and disability-specific information used as a preparation tool for individuals with disabilities, their friends, families and service providers. Guide also serves as a training tool kit for disability-related organizations who offer workshops on earthquake</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jik.com/disaster.html">http://www.jik.com/disaster.html</a></p>

	preparedness for people with disabilities. Topics include: understanding why preparation is important, creating practical plans, identifying resources, developing strategies and putting plans into practice.	
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**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Guidelines, Recommendations and Tips for Fire Disasters**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tips	“Fire Safety” developed by the Tempe Fire Department— lists suggestions of ways in which to evacuate for individuals with mobility, visual, hearing, and mental impairments. It also includes suggestions on assistive devices and fire safety do’s and don’ts.	<a href="http://www.tempe.gov/fire/Public%20Education/Fire%20Safety%20for%20Disabled.htm">http://www.tempe.gov/fire/Public%20Education/Fire%20Safety%20for%20Disabled.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Guidelines, Recommendations and Tips for Hurricanes**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Guide	“Hurricane Preparedness for People With Disabilities or Mobility Limitations: Hurricane Planning And Preparations – A Necessity” developed by the Virginia Beach Office of Emergency Management—provides information for people with disabilities on how to plan for a hurricane, evacuation, transportation, and shelter.	<a href="http://www.vbgov.com/dept/fire/vgn_files/oem_disability.pdf">http://www.vbgov.com/dept/fire/vgn_files/oem_disability.pdf</a>
Guide	“Hurricane Season Mitigation and Preparations Guide” developed by How Eliminating Limited Perceptions Unifies Us (HELPU Fire and Life Safety)—lists preparation ideas	<a href="http://www.helpusafety.org/mitigationcalendar.doc">http://www.helpusafety.org/mitigationcalendar.doc</a>



	and a mitigation schedule calendar for stocking up on preparations and supplies for the hurricane and severe weather seasons.	
Tips	“Hurricane Planning for People with Special Needs” by Lee County, Florida Division of Public Safety (2001)—a tip sheet for people with special needs including information on how to plan before a hurricane hits, what to do if evacuated, and what to do after the storm.	<a href="http://www.lee-county.com/ps/disaster_planning_for_people_wit.htm">http://www.lee-county.com/ps/disaster_planning_for_people_wit.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Guidelines, Recommendations and Tips for Terrorist Attacks**

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Article	“Unsafe Refuge: Why Did So Many Wheelchair Users Die on Sept 11?” by Josie Byzek and Tim Gilmer in <u>New Mobility</u> , December 2001, p21-22, 24—a concerted effort by the disability community is needed to increase awareness and overcome lax attitudes toward evacuation preparedness. This article includes a discussion on the use of evacuation chairs.	<a href="http://www.newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=476&amp;action=browse">http://www.newmobility.com/review_article.cfm?id=476&amp;action=browse</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Guidelines, Recommendations and Tips for Disasters in General**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Article	Emergency Preparedness Issues for People with Disabilities Will Be Discussed—this article by John Williams discusses a webcast aired on April 30, 2004 of a panel meeting to	<a href="http://www.at508.com/articles/jw_020.cfm">http://www.at508.com/articles/jw_020.cfm</a>

	<p>discuss the needs of people with disabilities during an emergency. This webcast, the first of a series of town meetings, was aired by TVWorldwide.com on its HomelandDefenseTV channel (<a href="http://www.homelanddefensetv.com">www.homelanddefensetv.com</a>). The panel includes Eric L. Qualkenbush, Director of School of Environmental and Emergency Center for Terrorism Preparedness (<a href="http://seem.findlay.edu">http://seem.findlay.edu</a>), Michael L. Webber of the University of Findlay's Center for Terrorism Preparedness, Bill Brobst of the University of Findlay's School of Environmental and Emergency Management, and Ms. Elizabeth Davis of the National Organization on Disability for its Emergency Preparedness Initiatives (EPI). Daniel Sutherland, Civil Rights &amp; Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was invited to discuss DHS's plans to assist people with disabilities during a crisis. The panel discussed EPI's two objectives: 1) to make sure that the special needs of people with disabilities are adequately addressed prior to an emergency to minimize the adverse impact on them and their communities, and 2) to ensure that people with disabilities are included in the emergency planning process so they can offer their insights, knowledge, and resourcefulness.</p>	
Checklist	<p>“Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities” developed by the Arizona Office for Americans with Disabilities—this checklist includes suggestions on how to plan ahead in the event of a disaster, how to plan evacuation, tips for service animals and pet owners, and a list of important items to have on hand.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.know-the-ada.com/emergency.html">http://www.know-the-ada.com/emergency.html</a></p>
Factsheet	<p>“People with Disabilities” developed by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)—the USFA has developed factsheets geared toward people with disabilities and their caregivers, people with special needs, the visually impaired</p>	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/safety/atrisk/disabilities/disabilities.shtm">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/safety/atrisk/disabilities/disabilities.shtm</a></p>

	and the hearing impaired to help them increase their chances of surviving a fire by practicing proven fire safety precautions. USFA encourages individuals with special needs to read and use the fire safety tips on this Web page to help protect themselves and their home from fire.	
Guide	“Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness” developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Are You Ready? will help individuals prepare themselves and their families for disasters by providing a step-by-step outline on how to prepare a disaster supply kit, emergency planning for people with disabilities, how to locate and evacuate to a shelter, and even contingency planning for family pets.	<a href="http://www.citizencorps.gov/ready/cc_pubs.shtm">http://www.citizencorps.gov/ready/cc_pubs.shtm</a>
Guide	“Disaster Preparedness for People With Disabilities”—in 1984, the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross created a booklet titled “Disaster Preparedness for the Disabled and Elderly.” That booklet, which is no longer in print, served as the foundation for material contained in this 46-page guide designed for use by anyone who has a disability or who works with, lives with, or assists a person with a disability. Has information on possible disaster effects, assessing personal needs and abilities, suggestions about forming a personal support network, and fill-in-the-blank checklists.	<a href="http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.html">http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>  Local Red Cross chapters can order in packages of 5 as stock number A5091 for a nominal fee. <u>Also available on-line.</u>
Guide	“Disaster Preparedness for People With Disabilities” Audio Cassette. Two standard cassette tapes in one package. Provides information from printed booklet (ARC 5091) in verbal form.	<a href="http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.html">http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.html</a>  Local Red Cross chapters can order as stock number A5091C for a nominal fee.

Guide	<p>“Disaster Preparedness—Reasoning WHY Physical, Emotional and Financial Preparation for Disabled Citizens” developed by How Eliminating Limited Perceptions Unifies Us (HELPU Fire and Life Safety)—discusses the reasoning for disaster preparedness by people with disabilities. It includes information on physical, emotional, and financial preparations.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.helpusafety.org/3PREPSDI.pdf">http://www.helpusafety.org/3PREPSDI.pdf</a></p>
Guide	<p>“Emergency Evacuation Preparedness: Taking Responsibility For Your Safety, A Guide For People with Disabilities and Other Activity Limitations” developed by The Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions (CDIHP) at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California—a 36-page guide to help people with disabilities better prepare for large or small-scale emergencies. The guide’s focus helps people with disabilities take responsibility for their own safety during emergencies and evacuations and work effectively with first responders.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cdihp.org/products.html#eeguide">http://www.cdihp.org/products.html#eeguide</a></p> <p>This Guide is available at no cost at <a href="http://www.cdihp.org/evacuation/toc.html">http://www.cdihp.org/evacuation/toc.html</a>, or to order a hard copy, send a check payable to: CDIHP for \$24.00 (includes shipping, handling and applicable tax) to CDIHP, 309 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Pomona, CA 91766-1854. Contact CDIHP for pricing on bulk or international orders at Phone: (909) 469.5380, TTY (909) 469-5520, Fax: (909) 469-5407, Email: <a href="mailto:evac@westernu.edu">evac@westernu.edu</a>.</p>
Guide	<p>“Emergency Preparedness Guide For Citizens With Disabilities” developed by the city of Texas City, Texas—lists several things that can be done before a disaster hits in order to reduce its effects; describes the importance of developing a support system, emergency and medical information lists and disaster supply and first aid kits; and lists what to do during and after specific disasters such as tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.texas-city-tx.org/EmergencyPreparednessDisability.htm">http://www.texas-city-tx.org/EmergencyPreparednessDisability.htm</a></p>

Guide	Emergency & Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities—these guidelines were developed by the City of North Las Vegas Fire Department Division of Emergency Management to help ensure the well-being of citizens with special needs.	<a href="http://www.ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us/HomelandSecurity/ADAEmergencyPreparedness.cfm">http://www.ci.north-las-vegas.nv.us/HomelandSecurity/ADAEmergencyPreparedness.cfm</a>
Guide	“Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities” by City of Los Angeles Department on Disability—this 46-page guide lists things that are good to have on hand before a disaster and provides special information for people with visual, mobility, and hearing disabilities, in addition to owners of service animals.	<a href="http://www.ci.la.ca.us/dod/handbook.pdf">http://www.ci.la.ca.us/dod/handbook.pdf</a>
Guide	Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities by the Ohio Legal Rights Service—this guide discusses how to plan for an emergency and rights of people with disabilities during emergencies and provides links to emergency preparedness information.	<a href="http://olrs.ohio.gov/asp/pub_EmergencyPrep.asp">http://olrs.ohio.gov/asp/pub_EmergencyPrep.asp</a>
Guide	“New York City’s Guide to Emergency Preparedness for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities”—this 16-page guide covers developing a personal plan; what to do if you are at home, work, or school; evacuation; and links to other resources.	<a href="http://www.accem.org/pdf/emergencyguide.pdf">http://www.accem.org/pdf/emergencyguide.pdf</a>
Guide	“Using a Generator When Disaster Strikes” developed with technical advice from the National Fire Protection Association (publisher of the National Electric Code®)—includes information on what type of generator to choose and how to use a generator safely.	<a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>
Resources	Emergency Preparedness page of DisabilityInfo.gov—DisabilityInfo.gov, mandated by President George W. Bush’s New Freedom Initiative, is a	<a href="http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?par">http://www.disabilityinfo.gov/digov-public/public/DisplayPage.do?par</a>

	gateway to the federal government's disability-related information and resources. This user-friendly Web portal contains links to information of interest to people with disabilities, their families, employers, service providers and other community members. This page provides links to fact sheets, plans, tips, and resources on emergency preparedness and people with disabilities.	<a href="#"><u>entFolderId=5150</u></a>
Resources	Resources for Emergency Planning Regarding Persons with Disabilities provided by the Research Information on Independent Living (RIIL)—this website lists links to websites that are sources of information for disaster preparedness for people with disabilities, as well as examples of information available from these websites.	<a href="http://www.ilru.org/online/handouts/2003/Kailes/resources.htm"><u>http://www.ilru.org/online/handouts/2003/Kailes/resources.htm</u></a>
Tips	Basic Tips in Emergency Preparedness for Seniors and People with Disabilities, developed by the Bay Area Emergency Preparedness Coalition For Seniors and People with Disabilities—lists tips for before, during, and after a disaster such as what supplies to have on hand, how to prepare one's house for disaster, and evacuation needs.	<a href="http://www.preparenow.org/ba-eprep.html"><u>http://www.preparenow.org/ba-eprep.html</u></a>
Tips	“Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities” developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—this brief tip sheet discusses the importance of being prepared, lists what disaster supplies one should have on hand, and stresses the importance of creating a self-help network of relatives, friends or co-workers to assist in an emergency. Special tips are also given for people with a severe speech, language, or hearing impairment, as well as people using wheelchairs.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/library/disprep.shtm"><u>http://www.fema.gov/library/disprep.shtm</u></a>
Tips	“Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities” developed by The California Governor's Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons—tips for people with	<a href="http://www.edd.ca.gov/de6053.pdf"><u>http://www.edd.ca.gov/de6053.pdf</u></a>

	disabilities on what to do to prepare to take care of themselves during emergency situations.	
Tips	“Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities” developed by The Columbia/Boone (Missouri) County Office of Emergency Management—provides tips for people with disabilities on how to prepare for emergencies, including the importance of developing a personal support system.	<a href="http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/EM/Disaster_Preparedness/disability.html">http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/EM/Disaster_Preparedness/disability.html</a>
Tips	“Disaster Preparedness and People with Disabilities or Special Health Care Needs”—this article in Iowa’s Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program (EPSDT) Care for Kids Newsletter lists tips for preparing for a disaster, such as creating a disaster plan, setting up a support network, and educating members of the network about the disaster plan.	<a href="http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/epsdt/win02/disaster.asp">http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/epsdt/win02/disaster.asp</a>
Tips	“Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities”, developed by the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco—this booklet offers emergency preparedness tips for people with a variety of disabilities. Included are general tips, tips for creating an Emergency Health Inventory.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/advocacy/advocates.shtml">http://www.ilrcsf.org/advocacy/advocates.shtml</a>
Tips	“Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities, Trainer’s Manual”, developed by the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco--this extensive earthquake preparedness Trainer's manual includes Tip Sheets for people with disabilities, training outlines, bibliography and background materials, a WP51 disk and PageMaker masters for copying Tip sheets.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm</a> \$20.00 plus postage and handling. Outline of four presentations \$5.00
Tips	“Emergency Preparedness: Would You Need Special Help in an Emergency?” by the Vermont Center for Independent Living--lists tips on how to prepare for a disaster and on	<a href="http://www.vcil.org/health_wellness/emergency.html">http://www.vcil.org/health_wellness/emergency.html</a>

	evacuation.	
Tips	Evacuation For People with Disabilities, developed by Chapman University in Orange, California—lists tips on evacuation of people with visual, hearing, and mobility disabilities.	<a href="http://www.chapman.edu/publicsafety/emerdisable.asp">http://www.chapman.edu/publicsafety/emerdisable.asp</a>
Tips	Get a Kit—developed by Ready.gov of the Department of Homeland Security, this list provides tips on how to be prepared for a disaster for those with special needs such as babies, adults, seniors and people with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.ready.gov/special_needs_items.html">http://www.ready.gov/special_needs_items.html</a>
Tips	In Case of an Emergency—Create a Plan—this article appears in the Winter 2005 issue of the AT Messenger, a quarterly newsletter developed by The Delaware Assistive Technology Initiative (DATI). It stresses the importance of developing a plan in case of emergency by people with disabilities and points to take into consideration when developing a plan. It also provides a link to the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA).	<a href="http://www.dati.org/newsletter/issues/2005n1/emergency.html">http://www.dati.org/newsletter/issues/2005n1/emergency.html</a>
Tips	“Prepare Yourself: Disaster Readiness Tips for People with Disabilities”—a pamphlet developed by the National Organization on Disability's Emergency Preparedness Initiative which states that all individuals, with or without disabilities, can decrease the impact of a disaster by taking steps to prepare before an event occurs. Included are many sample planning templates and checklists.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1539&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1539&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a>
Tips	“Preparedness Information for People with Disabilities” developed by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management—this brief tip sheet discusses the importance of developing a personal disaster plan and lists action steps to prepare for disaster, as well as online resources.	<a href="http://www.vdem.state.va.us/prepare/disabilities.cfm">http://www.vdem.state.va.us/prepare/disabilities.cfm</a>



Tips	<p>“Preparedness for People with Disabilities” developed by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency—provides tips for people with disabilities on how to prepare for disasters, including evacuation.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.pema.state.pa.us/pema/cwp/view.asp?A=566&amp;Q=254887">http://www.pema.state.pa.us/pema/cwp/view.asp?A=566&amp;Q=254887</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Special Populations Emergency Preparedness Planning” developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health—this list includes tip sheets geared toward children with special needs, owners of service animals, people who are hearing impaired and people who use life support systems, as well as people with cognitive disabilities, visual disabilities, environmental illness or chemical sensitivities, special medical needs, communication and speech related disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, and mobility disabilities.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=171&amp;q=233957">http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=171&amp;q=233957</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Twelve Days of Christmas”—developed by the National Organization on Disability’s Emergency Preparedness Initiative, this version of the <i>Twelve Days of Christmas</i> includes twelve tips for people with disabilities on how to become prepared in the event of an emergency. EPI’s Twelve Days of Christmas was inspired by <a href="#">The Twelve Days of Christmas: Preparing Families for Disaster</a>, from the web site of the Tallahassee, Florida chapter of the American Red Cross.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1561&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1561&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a></p>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Resource Links**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Resource links	“Disaster Resources for People with Disabilities and Emergency Managers” provided by June Isaacson Kailes—links to many disaster preparedness resources, such as websites, publications, and guides geared towards people with disabilities and emergency managers. Also included is information on fire safety, the role of community-based organizations, and sample disaster plans.	<a href="http://www.jik.com/disaster.html">http://www.jik.com/disaster.html</a>
Resource Links	Katrina Disaster Relief website—provides information for people with disabilities and people who want to help them, including state resources.	<a href="http://katrinadisability.info/">http://katrinadisability.info/</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Various Disabilities:  
Shelter Information**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	“Special Needs Shelter” by Putnam County, Florida Department of Emergency Services (2003)—a guide for people with special needs including information on what shelter staff can and cannot do, responsibilities of the person with special needs and his or her caregiver, and what to bring to the shelter.	<a href="http://putnam-fl.com/brd/PCPS/PSN%20Shelters.htm">http://putnam-fl.com/brd/PCPS/PSN%20Shelters.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Anxiety Disorders**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Article	“Coping With the Aftermath: How Does Someone With An Anxiety Disorder Cope In a Changed World?” by Kathleen Henning (9/19/01)—this article includes suggestions for people with anxiety disorders on how to cope with the events of 9/11.	<a href="http://www.panicdisorder.about.com/library/weekly/aa091901a.htm">http://www.panicdisorder.about.com/library/weekly/aa091901a.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Communication and Speech-Related Disabilities**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Communication and Speech-Related Disabilities” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with communication and speech-related disabilities can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Articles	“Emergency Planning for People with Hearing Loss”—this collection of articles provided by Help for Hearing Loss includes topics such as emergency preparedness and people with hearing loss, as well as people with various disabilities.	<a href="http://www.hearinglossweb.com/issues/EmergPlan/emerg_plan.htm#ok">http://www.hearinglossweb.com/issues/EmergPlan/emerg_plan.htm#ok</a>
Guide	Sign Language for Emergency Situations—this is Appendix C of a chapter entitled “Assisting People with Disabilities” in an American Red Cross publication of January 2002 which shows pictures of how to sign a variety of words and phrases that can be helpful in an emergency.	<a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/signlanguage.pdf">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/signlanguage.pdf</a>
Program	Exemplary Practices in Emergency Management: Hearing Impaired Alerting System developed by the Naperville, Illinois Emergency Management Agency—this program, first developed in 1995, provides severe weather notification to residents with hearing impairments via telephone pagers. The monthly cost per person for each pager was \$4.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/rrr/exp_32.shtm">http://www.fema.gov/rrr/exp_32.shtm</a>
Project	Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN Project), September 29, 2004— The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. (TDI) nearly \$1.5 million for a two-year project to develop model community education programs for deaf and hard of hearing consumers. TDI will coordinate efforts by specialists in four centers throughout America in promoting emergency preparedness. By doing so, the CEPIN Project will reduce America’s vulnerability to terrorism by coordinating and	<a href="http://www.tecaccess.net/content/newsletters/newsletter1-no2.shtml">http://www.tecaccess.net/content/newsletters/newsletter1-no2.shtml</a>

	overseeing accessibility resources and services in emergency preparedness, homeland security and public safety. Its goal is to empower individuals nationwide, who are deaf or hard of hearing to work alongside their neighbors before, during and after a crisis, preventing and minimizing damage and promoting faster recovery.	
Report	“Emergency Workplace Needs for Hearing Loss”—these comments and recommendations were submitted in a letter dated October 21, 2003 by Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) to Thomas Marple, Director of the Office of Federal Agency Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The comments include examples of problems encountered by employees with hearing loss in the areas of Public Address Systems, television, telephones, radios, visual alarms, Internet, oral instructions, and the buddy system. Recommendations regarding planning and evacuation are also included.	<a href="http://www.hearingloss.org/html/emergency_preparedness_for_pp.html">http://www.hearingloss.org/html/emergency_preparedness_for_pp.html</a>
Report	“Fire Risks for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing (#9-1686)”, produced by TriData Corporation under subcontract to Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide for the United States Fire Administration—this report discusses the increased fire risks for the deaf or hearing impaired and safety tips for this population.	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/hearing.pdf">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/hearing.pdf</a>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Hearing Impairments” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with hearing impairments can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/auditary.html">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/auditary.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>
Website	National Association of the Deaf (NAD)—The Emergency Preparedness pages on the NAD website include	<a href="http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&amp;b=99539">http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&amp;b=99539</a>

	<p>information about making televised warnings and reports during an emergency accessible to deaf and hard of hearing viewers. Also included is information on “Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Communication Access: Lessons Learned Since 9/11 and Recommendations” by the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network (DHHCAN), a coalition of 16 national organizations of, by, and for deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and deaf-blind individuals, and the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC). This national report addresses weaknesses in the nation’s emergency preparedness infrastructure that compromise the safety and security of Americans who are deaf or hard of hearing. The website also includes information on Emergency Captioning/Visual Announcements, Television Broadcasters, Weather Warning Systems, Radio Receivers, Paging Systems, Civil Defense Strobe Lights, Education and Communication, and Reverse 911.</p>	
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**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Developmental or Cognitive Disabilities**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Developmental or Cognitive Disabilities” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with developmental or cognitive disabilities can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/cognitive.html">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/cognitive.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Environmental or Chemical Sensitivities**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Environmental or Chemical Sensitivities” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with environmental or chemical sensitivities can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/MCS.html">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/MCS.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Learning Disabilities**

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Article	Coping with the Attack on America: Recommendations for People with Learning Disabilities—Dale Brown, a writer and advocate on learning disabilities, offers strategies for people	<a href="http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indept/adult/dale_brown_crisis.html">http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indept/adult/dale_brown_crisis.html</a>

	with learning disabilities to stay organized and in tune with new security issues in the wake of September 11.	
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**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Life-Support Systems**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Life-Support Systems” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with life-support systems can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Medical Concerns**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Disabilities and Medical Concerns” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with disabilities and medical concerns can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>



**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Mobility Impairments**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Checklist	Preparing for Emergencies: A Checklist for People with Mobility Problems developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Red Cross—this checklist will help people with mobility problems start preparing an emergency plan. Included is a listing of a suggested disaster supplies kit, as well as information on an escape plan, a home hazard hunt, evacuation, and fire safety.	<a href="http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rrr/mob-all.pdf">http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rrr/mob-all.pdf</a>
Report	“Fire Risks for the Mobility Impaired (#9-1688)” produced by TriData Corporation under subcontract to Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide for the United States Fire Administration—this report discusses the increased fire risks for the mobility impaired and safety tips for this population.	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/mobility.pdf">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/mobility.pdf</a>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Mobility Disabilities” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with mobility disabilities can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/mobility.html">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/mobility.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Psychiatric Disabilities**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Psychiatric Disabilities” developed by the Independent Living Resource	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/psych">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/psych</a>

	Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with psychiatric disabilities can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="#">iatric.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>
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**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Consumers Using Service Animals or Pets**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Service Animals or Pets” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with service animals or pets can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/index.htm</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

**Target Audience: Consumers with Specific Disabilities:  
Consumers with Visual Impairments**

<b>Product Format</b>	<b>Product &amp; Description</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Report	Emergency Information for People with Visual Impairments: Evaluation of Five Accessible Formats, Part III by the Smith-Kettlewell Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center—The California State Fire Marshal sponsored an Emergency Evacuation Information Task Force For People who are Blind or Visually Impaired to study and propose new rules covering accessible signage in apartment buildings, hotels, motels and lodging houses of all sizes, and office buildings two or more stories in height. The goal of this task force is to ensure that fire-related emergency evacuation and procedures information for blind and visually-impaired occupants is provided in an accessible format so they have	<a href="http://www.ski.org/Rehab/WCrandall/EgressIIIWeb/egressintro.html">http://www.ski.org/Rehab/WCrandall/EgressIIIWeb/egressintro.html</a>

	knowledge equivalent to that of sighted individuals regarding emergencies in buildings. This report raises many questions regarding what format should be used and what information should be provided on signs, as well as other questions.	
Report	“Fire Risks for the Blind or Visually Impaired” produced by TriData Corporation under subcontract to Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide for the United States Fire Administration--this report discusses the increased fire risks for the blind or visually impaired and safety tips for this population.	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/sight.pdf">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/sight.pdf</a>
Tips	“Emergency Tipsheets for People with Visual Disabilities” developed by the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) of San Francisco—lists tips of what people with visual disabilities can do before, during and after disasters.	<a href="http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/visual.html">http://www.ilrcsf.org/Publications/prepared/HTML/Tip_Sheet/visual.html</a> and <a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>

## Target Audience: Elderly Population

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Issue Brief	Emergency Preparedness for Older People by Nora O'Brien, M.A.—an Issue Brief by the International Longevity Center (Jan.-Feb. '03)—lists several critical issues and recommendations on Emergency Preparedness in light of 9/11 regarding people who are older and have disabilities.	<a href="http://www.ilcusa.org/lib/pdf/epo_pib.pdf">http://www.ilcusa.org/lib/pdf/epo_pib.pdf</a>
Bulletin	How to Develop a Disaster Action Plan for Older, Distant Relatives by Jane Irene Kelly—a Bulletin by the American Association of Retired Persons (May 2003)—lists ten steps on how to prepare older family members for a disaster.	<a href="http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/yourlife/Articles/0505_sidebar_11.html">http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/yourlife/Articles/0505_sidebar_11.html</a>

## Target Audience: Emergency Managers and Emergency Planners

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Article	<p>American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International Workshop: On the Use of Elevators in Fires and Other Emergencies, March 2-4, 2004, Atlanta, Georgia from ASME International--as a result of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, this workshop was held to examine code provisions for emergency egress from tall buildings, as well as issues concerning the use of elevators for occupant egress and fire fighters' access. The workshop was co-sponsored by American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME International), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), International Code Council (ICC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), U.S. Access Board, and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). This website includes information on past workshop activities, slides of the breakout group presentations, and conference proceedings.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.asme.org/cns/elevators/">http://www.asme.org/cns/elevators/</a></p>
Article	<p>"Best Practices Model: Including the Needs of People with Disabilities, Seniors, and Individuals with Chronic Mental Illness in Emergency Preparedness and Planning" Report to the New Mexico Department of Health, by Ann McCampbell, MD and Governor's Committee on Concerns of the Handicapped, (April 2003).</p>	<p>1-877-696-1470 (toll free), 505-827-6465 (voice), 505-827-6328 (fax)</p>
Article	<p>"Disaster Mitigation for Persons with Disabilities: Fostering a New Dialogue" by Annenberg Senior Fellow Peter David Blanck—this article provides information on the importance of: making disaster facilities, services communications, and reliable rescue communications accessible to people with disabilities while creating partnerships with the disability community and the media; considering people with disabilities when conducting disaster preparation, education,</p>	<p><a href="http://www.annenberg.northwestern.edu/pubs/disada/">http://www.annenberg.northwestern.edu/pubs/disada/</a></p>

	and training; and developing universal design and implementation strategies.	
Article	“Emergency Planning For People with Disabilities and Other Special Needs” by Carl Cameron in <u>Network News</u> , Winter issue, a publication of the Urban Energy & Transportation Corporation, 1999—this article discusses the requirements to serve people with disabilities and recommends: including people with disabilities in the planning process, including disability specific procedures, training response personnel on how to assist individuals with disabilities during emergencies, providing people with disabilities with proactive information before disasters strike, and involving disability organizations in developing a listing of individuals with special needs in the community.	<a href="http://www.disabilitypreparedness.com/additional%20resources.htm">http://www.disabilitypreparedness.com/additional%20resources.htm</a> and Inclusion Incorporated, 1436 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20003-1536, 202.546.4464, 202.546.4465(f), e-mail: <a href="mailto:inclusion@inclusioninc.com">inclusion@inclusioninc.com</a>
Article	“Last Invited In, Forced to be Last Out” by The Illinois Assistive Technology Project—this article discusses evacuation methods and devices for people with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.iltech.org/erevac.asp">http://www.iltech.org/erevac.asp</a>
Article	“Media Advisory: Disaster & Disability-- Katrina’s Impact” (October 4, 2005)--In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) deployed four rapid assessment teams to investigate the status of response and recovery for special needs populations. N.O.D. held a briefing on October 5, 2005 on Capitol Hill on immediate response efforts focusing on people with disabilities in the aftermath of the hurricane.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1544&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1544&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a>
Article	“New Evacuation Ordinance Impacts Chicago High Rise Owners & Occupants” in <u>Employment Real Estate</u> , May 2002—the ordinance in this article states that owners, tenants, managers and occupants of Chicago high-rise buildings have a duty to create and implement an emergency evacuation plan. A necessary component of this	<a href="http://www.goldbergkohn.com/CM/ArticleofInterest/ChicagoHighRise.pdf">http://www.goldbergkohn.com/CM/ArticleofInterest/ChicagoHighRise.pdf</a>

	plan is that owners and tenants must provide assistance to anyone requesting assistance. Owners are required to compile a list of occupants needing assistance.	
Article	“The National Organization on Disability’s (N.O.D.) Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) announces Special Needs Assessment 4 Katrina Evacuation (S.N.A.K.E.)” (September 9, 2005)—describes N.O.D.’s deployment of Hilary Styron, Director of N.O.D.’s Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) and four rapid assessment teams into the Gulf region following Hurricane Katrina in order to gather information about the impact and service delivery to individuals with disabilities, seniors, and medically managed persons.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1538&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1538&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a>
Article	“Preparing for the Next Emergency” by Cheryl Heppner, NVRC Executive Director—this is an article on a presentation by Carl T. Cameron, Ph.D., of the Disability Preparedness Center, presented on October 16, 2003 at the Annual ADA Update sponsored by the Maryland Coalition for ADA Education and the ADA & IT Center. The main point of the presentation is that emergency preparedness must involve developing plans in which people with disabilities participate.	<a href="http://www.hearinglossweb.com/issues/Access/emergency.htm">http://www.hearinglossweb.com/issues/Access/emergency.htm</a>
Article	A Question and Answer Session with Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) Director Elizabeth Davis—this article, which first appeared on the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation website on April 16, 2003, documents an e-mail exchange between the Foundation and Davis. She talks about the establishment of the EPI, the needs of people with disabilities in emergency situations, and the publication of the <i>Guide on the Special Needs of People with Disabilities for Emergency Managers, Planners &amp; Responders</i> , and future plans for EPI.	<a href="http://www.mott.org/news/detail.asp?newsid=188">http://www.mott.org/news/detail.asp?newsid=188</a>

Audio conference Transcript	Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities: Have we made progress?—this ADA Audio Conferencing, a program of the Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers, was led by Elizabeth Davis, Director of Emergency Preparedness Initiative, National Organization on Disability on December 14, 2004.	<a href="http://www.adagreatlakes.org/PnServices/AudioConferencing/Archives/FY2005/default.asp?year=2005&amp;session=3">http://www.adagreatlakes.org/PnServices/AudioConferencing/Archives/FY2005/default.asp?year=2005&amp;session=3</a>
Bill	“The Emergency Preparedness and Response for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 2005”--on December 19, 2005, Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) introduced this bill which recommends the hiring of a Disability Coordinator in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and requires that 30 percent of temporary housing for disaster victims be made accessible to individuals with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/harkin_bill.pdf">http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/harkin_bill.pdf</a>
Clearing-house	Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center (NHRAIC) at the University of Colorado, Boulder—this center serves as a national and international clearinghouse of knowledge concerning the social science and policy aspects of disasters. Its website provides a searchable database that can be used to find articles on emergency preparedness and people with disabilities in NHRAIC’s newsletters, as well as links, publications, and information on recent development in hazards research and practice.	<a href="http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/">http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/</a>
Conference	“Conference on Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities” by the National Organization on Disability on Wednesday, September 22 to Friday, September 24, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA—this conference focused on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery specific to the unique emergency needs of people with disabilities. High-level authorities from the emergency management, disability, and special needs communities, government agencies, private business, and	<a href="http://www.nod.org/epiconferenc e2004/index.html">http://www.nod.org/epiconferenc e2004/index.html</a>



	the service, advocacy, and care networks will be at this forum to share and learn about each other's experiences, resources, and best practice models.	
Conference	<p>"Emergency Warnings: Notification of People with Disabilities" Workshop Session presented by Deb Stone and "Facility Planning Requirements, State and Federal Requirements" Workshop Session presented by Daniel Roe at the Arizona Emergency Response Commission Emergency Planning &amp; Community Right-To-Know Workshop (February 11-12, 2004)</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dem.state.az.us/azserc/2004GatekprAgenda(FINAL).pdf">http://www.dem.state.az.us/azserc/2004GatekprAgenda(FINAL).pdf</a></p> <p>Deb Stone,  <a href="mailto:deb.stone@acdhh.state.az.us">deb.stone@acdhh.state.az.us</a>  Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, 1400 W. Washington, Room 126, Phoenix, AZ 85007  602-542-3323 Voice  602-364-0990 TTY  800-352-8161 (in state)  602-542-3380 fax</p> <p>Daniel Roe, AZSERC  <a href="mailto:azserc@azdema.gov">azserc@azdema.gov</a>  Arizona Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC)  5636 East McDowell Road  Phoenix, Arizona 85008  602-231-6345 Voice  602-392-7519 fax</p>
Congressional briefing	<p>"Congressional Briefing on Emergency Management and People with Disabilities (November 10, 2005)"—the National Organization on Disability's (NOD) Emergency Preparedness Initiative Director Hilary Styron participated in a Congressional Briefing on "Emergency Management and People with Disabilities: Before, During and After Disasters," which was jointly organized by N.O.D., the National Council</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/111005briefing.pdf">http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/111005briefing.pdf</a></p>

	<p>on Independent Living, the National Spinal Cord Injury Association and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Ms. Styron described N.O.D.'s Special Needs for Katrina Evacuees (SNAKE) Project report and what people with disabilities experienced and are continuing to experience in the wake of the Gulf Coast hurricanes.</p>	
<p>Database (proprietary)</p>	<p>“Risk Management Internet Services” website—this subscriber-based database includes links to materials to assist with the creation of an emergency evacuation plan, including special requirements for people with disabilities.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.rmis.com/">http://www.rmis.com/</a></p>
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>Emergency Evacuation of People with Disabilities in Department of Education Facilities (ED/OIG I13C0017)— This memo provides the results of an inspection of procedures for the emergency evacuation from Department of Education (Department) occupied buildings of Department employees and visitors with disabilities. The inspection objectives were (1) determine whether Occupant Emergency Plans (OEPs) for Department-occupied buildings provide for the safe evacuation of Department employees and others with disabilities; and (2) determine whether slow descent devices are present and available for use in all Department-occupied buildings for the evacuation of people with disabilities. Employee concerns about the evacuation of employees with disabilities in the event of a catastrophic emergency surfaced in a Department-wide survey conducted in October 2002 as part of an ongoing effort to increase Department safety and security.</p>	<p><a href="http://64.233.161.104/search?q=cache:bUniX1rutqoJ:www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/aireports/i13c0017.doc+Evacuation+and+%22people+with+disabilities%22&amp;hl=en">http://64.233.161.104/search?q=cache:bUniX1rutqoJ:www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/aireports/i13c0017.doc+Evacuation+and+%22people+with+disabilities%22&amp;hl=en</a></p>
<p>Executive Order</p>	<p>“Executive Order: Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness”—issued by President George W. Bush, this executive order states that the Federal Government should consider the unique needs of agency employees with disabilities and individuals with disabilities whom the agency</p>	<p><a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/07/20040722-10.html">http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/07/20040722-10.html</a></p>

	<p>serves in emergency preparedness planning. As well, the Federal Government should facilitate cooperation among Federal, State, local, and tribal governments and private organizations and individuals in the implementation of emergency preparedness plans as they relate to individuals with disabilities. The executive order establishes the Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities within the Department of Homeland Security.</p>	
Guide	<p>“An ADA Guide for Local Governments—Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities” produced by the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section—This guide gives suggestions to emergency managers and planners in charge of making local government emergency preparedness and response programs accessible to people with disabilities, which is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). It includes specific action steps for planning, notification of an emergency, evacuation, sheltering, and returning home.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm">http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm</a></p>
Guide	<p>“Berkeley Campus Evacuation Policy for People with Disabilities” by the University of California at Berkeley Office of Emergency Preparedness—these guidelines have been adopted by the Berkeley campus to assist in planning for the evacuation of people with physical disabilities.</p>	<p><a href="http://oep.berkeley.edu/pages/guidelines4/pplwdisabilities/evacdisabilities.html">http://oep.berkeley.edu/pages/guidelines4/pplwdisabilities/evacdisabilities.html</a></p>
Guide	<p>“Disaster Preparedness: Creating a Disaster-Resistant Infrastructure for People at Risk Including People with Disabilities”, November 30, 1999, 19 pages—recommends that people with disabilities, their families, friends, neighbors and disability-related organizations should play an active role in planning for emergency preparedness, response and</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jik.com/resource.html#Disaster%20Preparedness">http://www.jik.com/resource.html#Disaster%20Preparedness</a></p>

	recovery. Also suggests that significant funds and energy be devoted to applying what has been learned to prepare and plan for future disasters, and that government needs to promote, fund and reward the development of disaster preparedness and response plans for all work, school, human service and non-government organizations sites.	
Guide	“Emergency Preparation and People with Disabilities” by The National Service Inclusion Project, a cooperative agreement between The Corporation for National and Community Service, a collaborative effort of the Institute for Community Inclusion at UMass Boston and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities—the basis of this guide is the findings from forums which the California State Independent Living Council held with the disability community after the 2003 wildfires in California. Included in the guide are discussions on Preparation, Notification and evacuation, Sheltering and interim services, and Recovery.	<a href="http://www.serviceandinclusion.org/index.php?page=emergency">http://www.serviceandinclusion.org/index.php?page=emergency</a>
Guide	“The Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) Guide for Emergency Managers, Planners & Responders”: Revised Edition, March 15, 2005 by the National Organization on Disability—this guide highlights key disability concerns to officials responsible for emergency planning and helps them develop plans that will take into account the needs and insights of people with disabilities before, during and after emergencies. In this guide are steps that every emergency preparedness manager can consider in ensuring that the needs of people with disabilities are taken into account in all four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1034&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1034&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a>
Guide	Emergency Procedures Handbook APPENDIX 1: Supplemental Evacuation Guidelines For People With Disabilities provided by Purdue University—The following	<a href="http://news.uns.purdue.edu/Emhandbook/Appendices.html">http://news.uns.purdue.edu/Emhandbook/Appendices.html</a>

	guidelines have been adopted by Purdue University to assist in planning for the evacuation of people with physical disabilities.	
Guide	The McGuire Associates Disability Evacuation Program—this step-by-step program guides interested individuals through the creation of their own Disability Evacuation Plan. The program provides an in-depth training video/DVD demonstrating techniques for evacuating people with visual, hearing, mobility and cognitive/emotional impairments.	<a href="http://www.mcguireassociatesinc.com/pop/index.html">http://www.mcguireassociatesinc.com/pop/index.html</a>
Guide	The National Center on Emergency Planning for People With Disabilities (NCEP)--NCEP provides training and other resources for a fee to assist local emergency planning organizations (both public and private) to plan for assisting people who need specialized communications, transportation, and medical supports. The Center's Planning for People with Disabilities: An Emergency Training (PPDET) Guide leads organizations through a three-stage collaborative process assisting organizations with the process of creating a more inclusive emergency response system. The PPDET guide emphasizes the categories that organizations may need to address in emergency preparedness plan and provides a tip sheet that outlines preliminary steps for inclusion of people with disabilities. (Price: TBA)	<a href="http://www.disabilitypreparedness.com/Resources.htm">http://www.disabilitypreparedness.com/Resources.htm</a>
Guide	The " <u>s.a.f.e.t.y. first</u> : Working Together for Safer Communities" Guide created by Easter Seals—Easter Seals has teamed up with employers, building owners and managers, police, fire and emergency medical professionals, and people with disabilities to jump-start a nationwide evacuation planning process. The " <u>s.a.f.e.t.y. first</u> : Working Together for Safer Communities" guide	<a href="http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntl_safe_ty_first">http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ntl_safe_ty_first</a>

	provides important information on evacuation tools, carry techniques, accessibility resources and emergency kit items.	
Information bulletin	ODP Information Bulletin No. 189 regarding Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness—describes several initiatives that will better integrate people with disabilities into the national preparedness effort, including the creation of an Interagency Coordinating Council, the launching of a Disability and Emergency Preparedness Resource Center, the release of the Workplace Emergency Preparedness Guidelines, and the launching of a new website containing information to help ensure safe transportation for people with disabilities during a disaster.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/odpbulletin189.pdf">http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/odpbulletin189.pdf</a>
Initiative	The National Capitol Region Disability Preparedness Initiative—plans to: 1) survey first responders and planners to assess and raise awareness of resources and needs for disability preparedness throughout the National Capital Region (NCR), 2) provide technical assistance to first responders to assist them in including persons with disabilities in planning activities, 3) identify people with disabilities living independently, with family, or in residential facilities and recruit them to participate in planning activities, 4) plan and implement an information campaign to inform the public about ways to better prepare in an emergency, 5) establish an NCR Disability Advisory Committee to be a visible public presence and oversee development of inclusive emergency preparedness, 6) hold a one-day regional conference on the roles and responsibilities in emergency preparedness of people with disabilities, advocates, agencies and service providers, 6) develop a curriculum for persons with disabilities to prepare them to participate effectively in planning, 7) develop a planning participation course for disability agency and service	<a href="http://www.disabilitypreparedness-ncr.net/">http://www.disabilitypreparedness-ncr.net/</a>

	<p>provider staff to help prepare them to do effective emergency planning and implementation, and 8) develop an enhanced emergency communication network for persons with disabilities.</p>	
Map	<p>Interactive Map of Regional, State, and Local Disability-Related Emergency Management Resources--as a service to first responders, emergency managers and people with disabilities, the National Organization on Disability's Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) provides an interactive map that houses information on each state's regional branch of FEMA and ADA&amp;IT Technical Assistance Centers, Governor and any state disability resource agencies, a directory of ILCs and SILCs within each state, state Citizen Corps and American Red Cross Chapters, as well as links to state and local Emergency Management Agencies.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nod.org/EPIResources/interactive_map.html">http://www.nod.org/EPIResources/interactive_map.html</a></p>
Power Point Presentation	<p>"Homeland Security—An Emergency Preparedness Primer"—Power Point Presentation at National Council on Independent Living 2004 Annual Conference.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:info@drcfc.org">info@drcfc.org</a></p>
Press Release	<p>"Reminder to Video Programming Distributors of Need to Make Emergency Information Regarding Hurricane Katrina Evacuation and Relief Efforts Accessible to Persons with Hearing or Vision Disabilities" released by the Federal Communications Commission September 9, 2005—after Hurricane Katrina, the Commission received several complaints that some emergency information being provided over television was not being made accessible to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and that emergency information that was provided visually was blocked by other information on the screen, or that emergency information provided visually blocked closed captioning. This press release reminds video programming distributors of their</p>	<p><a href="http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-05-2438A1.doc">http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-05-2438A1.doc</a></p>

	obligation to make emergency information accessible to persons with hearing and vision disabilities.	
Program	Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI)—in light of the September 11 tragedy, the National Organization on Disability (NOD) established the Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI) in late 2001. The Initiative’s mission is: 1) to encourage the emergency management field to consider the needs of people with disabilities in all levels of their planning and response activities, and to actively involve members of this community in their efforts; and 2) to raise the awareness of people with disabilities of what they can do to prepare for their own safety and survival during times of emergency, and to encourage them to become partners with emergency management personnel.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&amp;pageId=11">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&amp;pageId=11</a>
Program	“Preparing the Vulnerable Population—The Triad Alliance”—was developed by the City of San Leandro, California to ensure that high risk clients don’t “fall through the cracks” during the response and recovery phases of an emergency. This population may represent people with physical or mental disabilities, those with medical or chemical dependencies, the elderly, children, the homeless, and non-English speakers. The Triad Alliance consists of the City, represented by the Emergency Services Division; The Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters, or CARD; and Community Based Organizations, or CBOs.	<a href="http://www.ci.san-leandro.ca.us/slemervulnerable.html">http://www.ci.san-leandro.ca.us/slemervulnerable.html</a>
Recommendations	“High-Risk Populations, Home Fire Safety, Public Fire Education, Fire Prevention & Planning/Code Enforcement #9-0413—discusses findings from a symposium that examined issues related to egress capability and early warning/fire protection for those who may not be able to take life-saving action in the event of a fire, specifically young children, older adults and people with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/beyondsolutions2000.pdf">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/beyondsolutions2000.pdf</a>



Report	<p>“Focus on Fire Safety Solutions for People with Disabilities”—this report on a meeting in Washington, D.C. on September 4 and 5, 2002 was written by Peg Carson, Trainer/Consultant, National Fire Protection Association Center for High-Risk Outreach. The Center for High-Risk Outreach sponsored this meeting at which representatives of organizations that participated in a previous symposium met to develop a strategy to improve fire safety among people with disabilities. The attendees’ goal was to “develop a strategy and action plan that will enable people with disabilities to improve their level of fire and life safety.” Participants also agreed to establish a steering committee to monitor progress toward achieving the objectives and to refine the recommended actions for achieving the goals, as necessary. The participants’ recommendations for the Steering Committee are presented in a work plan listed in the report.</p>	<p><a href="http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:uJ8BxpleEREJ:www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/FireSafetySolutionsfinal.pdf+%E2%80%9CFocus+on+Fire+Safety+Solutions+for+People+with+Disabilities%22&amp;hl=en">http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:uJ8BxpleEREJ:www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/FireSafetySolutionsfinal.pdf+%E2%80%9CFocus+on+Fire+Safety+Solutions+for+People+with+Disabilities%22&amp;hl=en</a></p>
Report	<p>“Issue Brief Resulting from Southern California Fire Forums—The Impact of 2003 Wildfires on People with Disabilities” by the California State Independent Living Council—this report covers information on preparation, notification, evacuation, sheltering, and recovery of people with disabilities during the 2003 wildfires in California. Recommendations are also included.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.calsilc.org">http://www.calsilc.org</a></p>
Report	<p>“Lessons Learned from the World Trade Center Disaster: Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities in New York” by the Center for Independence of the Disabled—this report gives recommendations regarding access, training, communication with members of the disability community, and the recovery phase.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cidny.org">www.cidny.org</a></p>
Report	<p>Report on SNAKE Project by the National Organization on</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nod.org/Resources/P">http://www.nod.org/Resources/P</a></p>

	Disability (NOD)--in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, N.O.D. deployed four rapid assessment teams to investigate the status of response and recovery for special needs populations. The teams' findings are described in the report on the Special Needs Assessment 4 Katrina (SNAKE) project.	<a href="#">DFs/katrina_snake_report.pdf</a>
Report	"Rural Communities and Emergency Preparedness", by the Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA, HHS, April 2002—this report discusses the importance of incorporating rural issues into disaster preparedness and management.	<a href="http://www.mipt.org/pdf/ruralemergencypreparedness.pdf">http://www.mipt.org/pdf/ruralemergencypreparedness.pdf</a>
Report	"Saving Lives: Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning", by the National Council on Disability, April 15, 2005—this report provides an overview of steps the Federal Government should take to include people with disabilities in emergency preparedness, disaster relief, and homeland security programs. It also suggests ways to improve access to technology, physical plants, programs, and communications.	<a href="http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/saving_lives.htm">http://www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/saving_lives.htm</a>
Resource links	"Disaster Resources for People with Disabilities and Emergency Managers" provided by June Isaacson Kailes—links to many disaster preparedness resources, such as websites, publications, and guides geared towards people with disabilities and emergency managers. Also included is information on fire safety, the role of community-based organizations, and sample disaster plans.	<a href="http://www.jik.com/disaster.html">http://www.jik.com/disaster.html</a>
Study	Emergency Preparedness Survey Final Report of November 30, 2004 prepared by Harris Interactive for National Organization on Disability—this is a study of emergency management officials at state and local levels on how they have incorporated the needs of people with disabilities in emergency plans.	<a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1471&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1471&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a>

Survey	<p>“New Poll Highlights Need for More Emergency Planning for and by People with Disabilities”(January 30, 2004)—according to a Harris Interactive survey commissioned by the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) conducted by telephone Dec. 10-16, 2003, Americans with disabilities remain insufficiently prepared for a disaster, and are anxious about their safety.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1245&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631">http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&amp;pageID=1430&amp;nodeID=1&amp;FeatureID=1245&amp;redirected=1&amp;CFID=3398895&amp;CFTOKEN=27812631</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Assisting People With Disabilities In A Disaster” developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—tips for neighbors of and people working with people with disabilities on how to help this population during a disaster.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.fema.gov/rrr/assistf.sh">http://www.fema.gov/rrr/assistf.sh</a> <a href="http://www.ucp.org/ucp_channeloc.cfm/1/11/10427/10427-10427/2450">tm</a> and <a href="http://www.ucp.org/ucp_channeloc.cfm/1/11/10427/10427-10427/2450">http://www.ucp.org/ucp_channeloc.cfm/1/11/10427/10427-10427/2450</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Communications After a Disaster”—recommendations on how to disseminate information to people with disabilities after a disaster. These recommendations were developed by "Disabled People and Disaster Planning" (DP2), a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Points of Service”—recommendations on how to make services accessible after a disaster. These recommendations were developed by "Disabled People and Disaster Planning" (DP2), a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/service.htm">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/service.htm</a></p>

Training	Disability Preparedness Center, developed by Inclusion Research Institute (IRI)—works to ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities in emergency preparedness plans, and offers training options, programs and seminars to assist organizations in developing comprehensive programs that address disability-related issues. Prices for services provided are listed on website.	<a href="http://www.disabilitypreparedness.org/">http://www.disabilitypreparedness.org/</a>
Training	“Event Title: G-197 Emergency Planning and Special Needs Populations” held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004—this Advanced Professional Series (APS) elective 2 _ -day course is intended to provide those with responsibilities for providing emergency planning or care of seniors, people with disabilities, and/or special needs groups with the skills and knowledge they will need to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergency situations. Areas covered include: assessment and size-up for special needs populations, how to plan for special needs populations, and response and recovery actions needed for both short-term and long-term incidents.	<a href="http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/">http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/</a>  The training course CD Rom will be distributed to all state training officers and regional training managers. Social service organizations or special needs advocacy groups can also obtain the materials by calling 301-447-1585.
Training resource	Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities training program of the Kansas Department of Commerce—this website states that Kansas’ Department of Commerce Employment and Training Liaison, Randy Fisher, has worked with staff from the Butler County Emergency Management office and has co-presented this training program to emergency management officials in Kansas.	<a href="http://kdoch.state.ks.us/public/agency/programs/pgm_details.jsp?pgID=1055854230241">http://kdoch.state.ks.us/public/agency/programs/pgm_details.jsp?pgID=1055854230241</a>  Businesses, communities, educators, individuals/families, and non-profits can contact Randy Fisher (785) 296-6526 in Topeka or 800-295-5232 outside of Topeka) to arrange a presentation.

Webcast	<p>“Disaster Mitigation and Persons with Disabilities”, a webcast presented by Peter Blanck, James Schmeling, Alan Dinsmore and Elizabeth Davis on August 27, 2003—a link to this website is provided by Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) program in Houston, Texas, which is a national center for information, training, research, and technical assistance in independent living.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ilru.org/html/training/webcasts/archive/2003/08-27-PB.html">http://www.ilru.org/html/training/webcasts/archive/2003/08-27-PB.html</a></p>
Website	<p>Homeland Security Disaster and Emergency Management Information Network (DEMIN) website of the Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) of Texas A &amp; M University—this website is a database of domestic security and emergency management data and bibliographic information resources from across the country and around the world.</p>	<p><a href="http://ccs.tamu.edu/homeland_security/index_home.html">http://ccs.tamu.edu/homeland_security/index_home.html</a></p>
Website	<p>PrepareNow.org—its mission is to ensure that the needs and concerns of vulnerable people are addressed in emergency preparedness and response. PrepareNow.org provides the tools, expertise and access to resources to assist anyone engaged in disaster planning for individuals with special needs. Community-based organizations, local government, neighborhood organizations, and families can benefit from using this website.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.preparenow.org/">http://www.preparenow.org/</a></p>

## Target Audience: Employees

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	“Emergency Preparedness for Employees with Disabilities in Office Occupancies”, compiled by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the United States Fire Administration—this guide discusses identifying employees with special needs, detection of fire and smoke in buildings, notification of employees with disabilities, evacuation procedures, notification appliances, use of elevators, buddy systems, and coordination with the fire department.	<a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/FEMAevac.pdf">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/FEMAevac.pdf</a>
Guide	“Emergency Preparedness for Employees with Disabilities at Michigan”—this guide lists important disaster supplies to have on hand and includes information on the importance of: being prepared in an emergency, having a buddy system, and knowing the exits from the building.	<a href="http://www.msu.edu/~aacm/PACDI/emergency%20brochure%20employees.pdf">http://www.msu.edu/~aacm/PACDI/emergency%20brochure%20employees.pdf</a>
Guide	“Emergency Preparedness on the Job for People with Disabilities” by the National Center on Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities (NCEPPD)—this two-page sheet provides guidelines for people with disabilities on how to protect themselves in the workplace when disaster strikes.	<a href="http://www.disabilitypreparedness.com/Job%20Guidelines.doc">http://www.disabilitypreparedness.com/Job%20Guidelines.doc</a>
Power Point Presentation	“Emergency Preparation and Evacuation for Employees with Disabilities: Identifying Potential Interventions and Methods for Testing Them”—a PowerPoint presentation by Glen W. White, Ph.D.	<a href="http://rtcil.org/EPEED.ppt">http://rtcil.org/EPEED.ppt</a>
Power Point Presentation	“Health and Safety in the Workplace: Emergency Preparation and Evacuation for Employees with Disabilities”—a PowerPoint Presentation by Glen W. White, Ph.D., and Jennifer Rowland, M.S., P.T.	<a href="http://rtcil.org/HSW.ppt">http://rtcil.org/HSW.ppt</a>

Resource Links	DisabilitiesResources.org—The Disability Resources Monthly (DRM) Guide to Disability Resources on the Internet.	<a href="http://www.disabilityresources.org/DISASTER.html">http://www.disabilityresources.org/DISASTER.html</a>
Tips	“Emergency Preparedness for Employees with Disabilities at Michigan State University—this brochure lists safety tips for employees on how to prepare for and what to do during a disaster.	<a href="http://www.msu.edu/~aacm/PACDI/emergency%20brochure%20employees.pdf">http://www.msu.edu/~aacm/PACDI/emergency%20brochure%20employees.pdf</a>

## Target Audience: Employers

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	<p>“DOT Emergency Preparedness Guidelines for People with Disabilities” by the Department of Transportation (DOT)—designed to serve as a resource on planning for the unique needs of individuals with disabilities during an emergency. The document has been made available to all DOT employees, supervisors, facility personnel, contracting officers, and emergency and security staff.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dotcr.ost.dot.gov/documents/dotpart/pwd_guidelines.htm">http://www.dotcr.ost.dot.gov/documents/dotpart/pwd_guidelines.htm</a></p>
Guide	<p>“Emergency Plans That Include Workers With Disabilities” by: Nan Hawthorne (From esight.org)—in the wake of the September 11 disasters, an unspoken question in many people’s minds has been, “how can we include an employee with a disability in our emergency and evacuation plans?” This guide provides some answers.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.esight.org/View.cfm?x=364&amp;ov_id=-1">http://www.esight.org/View.cfm?x=364&amp;ov_id=-1</a></p>
Guide	<p>“ Employers’ Guide to Including Employees with Disabilities in Emergency Evacuation Plans” by Linda Carter Batiste, J.D. and Beth Loy, Ph.D. of the Job Accommodations Network (JAN)—interest in emergency evacuation planning has increased dramatically since the September 11 terrorist attacks. In turn, JAN started receiving more calls from employers requesting information about their legal obligation to develop emergency evacuation plans and how to include employees with disabilities in such plans. This publication addresses these issues.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.jan.wvu.edu/media/emergency.html">http://www.jan.wvu.edu/media/emergency.html</a></p>
Guide	<p>“Fact Sheet on Obtaining and Using Employee Medical Information as Part of Emergency Evacuation Procedures” by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission—in light of the September 11 tragedy, many employers are developing or re-evaluating emergency procedures to</p>	<p><a href="http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/evacuation.html">http://www.eeoc.gov/facts/evacuation.html</a></p>



	ensure the safe evacuation of all employees. With questions and answers, this fact sheet demonstrates that federal disability discrimination laws do not prevent employers from obtaining and appropriately using information necessary for a comprehensive emergency evacuation plan.	
Seminar	“Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities: An Interagency Seminar of Exchange for Federal Managers” by the Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) on December 2-3, 2003, at the Washington, DC headquarters—this report summarizes the proceedings from the day and a half event and is meant to serve as a source of practical information on developing, implementing, and maintaining emergency preparedness plans for people with disabilities. The document has been compiled using session transcripts, presenter presentations, and rapporteurs’ notes.	<a href="http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/ep/">http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/ep/</a>

## Target Audience: Facility Managers

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Article	<p>“Emergency Egress Still a Problem for Disabled”            By Jackie Kucinich--describes the findings of an Office of Compliance (OoC) report, which states that despite improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), there are shortcomings in emergency egress for people with disabilities in the event of an emergency at the Capitol, and some congressional office buildings lack alternative exits.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thehill.com/thehill/expand/TheHill/News/Frontpage/102005/news2.html">http://www.thehill.com/thehill/expand/TheHill/News/Frontpage/102005/news2.html</a></p>
Guide	<p>“Emergency Procedures for Employees with Disabilities in Office Occupancies #9-0041”, developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology with assistance from the National Task Force on Life Safety and People with Disabilities, with funding from the United States Fire Administration—this guide provides information for facilities managers and may be useful for those individuals who might need special assistance on the notification of an emergency situation and/or the evacuation of a building.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-154.pdf">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-154.pdf</a></p>
Guidelines	<p>“U.S. Access Board Emergency Evacuation Procedures” developed by the U.S. Access Board—The Access Board has revised its emergency evacuation plan to address the needs of its employees who have mobility and visual disabilities. The Access Board includes its evacuation plan on its website in hopes it will serve as a guide to others developing a similar plan. Also included is a discussion of some of the critical issues and questions that the Access Board faced in updating its plan.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.access-board.gov/evacplan.htm">http://www.access-board.gov/evacplan.htm</a></p>
Study Guide on Ordinance	<p>“High Rise Buildings Emergency Procedures Study Guide for Certificate in Emergency Procedures” by the City of</p>	<p><a href="http://www.goldbergkohn.com/CMA/ArticleofInterest/ChicagoHighR">http://www.goldbergkohn.com/CMA/ArticleofInterest/ChicagoHighR</a></p>

and Regulations	Chicago Fire Department—pages 14–17 are devoted to evacuation of people with disabilities.	<a href="#">ise.pdf</a>  Chicago Fire Department Bureau of Fire Prevention EPC Division 444 North Dearborn Street, 2nd Floor Chicago, IL 60610 312-744-4762
Tips	“Evacuating Wheelchair Users”—recommendations on assisting wheelchair users after a disaster. These recommendations were developed by "Disabled People and Disaster Planning" (DP2), a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.	<a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/wheelchair.htm">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/wheelchair.htm</a>
Website	U.S. Access Board—develops and maintains accessibility requirements for the built environment, transit vehicles, telecommunications equipment, and for electronic and information technology under several different laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Board's guidelines for facilities address means of egress that are accessible to people with disabilities. Presented on its website is an overview of these design requirements and links to information developed by other organizations on evacuation planning and disaster preparedness.	<a href="http://www.access-board.gov/evac.htm">http://www.access-board.gov/evac.htm</a>

## Target Audience: First Responders

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	“Orientation Manual for First Responders on the Evacuation of People with Disabilities (#9-0444) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—provides guidance to first responders on how best to perform a rescue using equipment and procedures that facilitate a safe evacuation of people with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/display.cfm">http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/display.cfm</a>
Guide	Sign Language for Emergency Situations—this is Appendix C of a chapter entitled “Assisting People with Disabilities” in an American Red Cross publication of January 2002 which shows pictures of how to sign a variety of words and phrases that can be helpful in an emergency.	<a href="http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm">http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/disabilities.htm</a>
Guide	“Training Rescue Workers”—suggestions to train rescue workers before a disaster. These recommendations were developed by "Disabled People and Disaster Planning" (DP2), a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.	<a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/rescue.htm">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/rescue.htm</a>
Tips	“Tip Sheets for First Responders” by New Mexico’s Governor’s Committee on Concerns of the Handicapped (2003).	1-877-696-1470 (toll free), 505-827-6465 (voice), 505-827-6328 (fax)
Training	“Training for First Responders” by the Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions (CDIHP) at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California—CDIHP has an ongoing training program, to help educate emergency personnel and people with disabilities to	<a href="http://www.jik.com/disaster.html">http://www.jik.com/disaster.html</a>  June Isaacson Kailes CDIHP’s Associate Director

	<p>be better prepared for large or small-scale emergencies. The workshop is comprised of materials and interactive exercises to help first responders develop awareness, sensitivity, knowledge and skills needed to effectively assist people with disabilities.</p>	<p>310-821-7080 or <a href="mailto:jik@pacbell.net">jik@pacbell.net</a></p>
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## Target Audience: Parents and Teachers

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	“Coping With Disaster: Suggestions for Helping Children With Cognitive Disabilities”—this six-page guide for parents or teachers includes information on reactions by children to disaster and loss, general strategies for parents and educators to promote coping, therapeutic approaches to traumatic stress in children with cognitive disabilities, and some other web resources on coping with disaster.	<a href="http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/add/Sept11/addcoping.html">http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/add/Sept11/addcoping.html</a>

## Target Audience: Service Providers

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
CDC grant	<p>Nobody Left Behind: Disaster Preparedness for Persons with Mobility Impairments—this three-year study is funded by a grant to the Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine TS#-0840. The mission of this research is to investigate 30 randomly selected counties, cities, or boroughs in the U.S. that have recently experienced a natural or man-made disaster in order to: determine if disaster plans and emergency response systems for homes, businesses, and the community include the health, safety, and survival needs for people with mobility impairment; identify the morbidity and mortality of people with mobility impairments in these disasters; assess if there were any post-disaster changes to address the needs of people with mobility impairments; and develop Best Practices models for counties to assist in disaster plans and emergency responses to meet the needs of people with mobility impairments in hopes of preventing injuries, saving lives, and assuring Nobody is Left Behind.</p>	<p><a href="http://rtcil.org/NLB_home.htm">http://rtcil.org/NLB_home.htm</a></p>
Newsletter	<p>“ILRU Network Newsletter”, January 2002 edition, published quarterly by the IL Net, a collaboration of Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) and the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) to provide training and technical assistance to centers for independent living and statewide independent living councils nationwide—this edition focuses on the impact of the September 11 tragedy and provides a checklist of supplies that are good to have on hand before disaster strikes.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/newsletters/2002/ilnet_jan2002.htm">http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/newsletters/2002/ilnet_jan2002.htm</a></p>

Workbook	Disaster Preparedness Workbook for Service Providing Agencies, prepared by the Monterey County, California Emergency Food Assistance Project--funded by the Northern California Disaster Preparedness Network, this planning guide was based on materials in the FEMA pamphlet, "Guidelines For Local Small Businesses In Meeting The Earthquake Threat" and disaster preparedness publications from American Red Cross and other agencies.	<a href="http://www.preparenow.org/monterey.html">http://www.preparenow.org/monterey.html</a>
Workshop	"VOICE: How to Create an Agency Disaster Plan"--this workshop is designed to help community based organizations survive a catastrophic disaster and continue to serve people who are vulnerable. Presented by A Volunteer Organized Initiative for Community Emergencies (VOICE) of Contra Costa County, this workshop includes instructions on how to write an agency disaster plan in six weeks.	<a href="http://www.preparenow.org/voice.doc.html">http://www.preparenow.org/voice.doc.html</a>



## Target Audience: Shelter Managers

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	<p>“Shelter Managers Should Know”—how to prepare for and work with people with disabilities. These recommendations were developed by "Disabled People and Disaster Planning" (DP2), a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/shelmngr.htm">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/shelmngr.htm</a></p>
Tips	<p>“Managing Shelters”—recommendations on making emergency shelters more accessible to people with disabilities. These recommendations were developed by "Disabled People and Disaster Planning" (DP2), a group of people primarily from Los Angeles County who met during 1996 and 1997 and formulated recommendations to reduce or eliminate problems with accessibility that many people with disabilities experienced after the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.citycent.com/dp2/shelters.htm">http://www.citycent.com/dp2/shelters.htm</a></p>

## Target Audience: Students

Product Format	Product & Description	Contact Information
Guide	Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities, developed by the University of California at Santa Cruz—a guide for students, staff, and faculty at UCSC to help people with disabilities plan for disasters, plan evacuations, and evacuate buildings.	<a href="http://www2.ucsc.edu/ada/disasterprep.html">http://www2.ucsc.edu/ada/disasterprep.html</a>
Tips	“Emergency Preparedness for Students with Disabilities at Michigan State University”—this brochure lists safety tips for students with disabilities on how to prepare for and what to do during a disaster.	<a href="http://www.msu.edu/~aacm/PACDI/emergency%20brochure%20students.pdf">http://www.msu.edu/~aacm/PACDI/emergency%20brochure%20students.pdf</a>
Tips	UCSF Emergency Preparedness for Students with Disabilities—this tip sheet developed by the Office of Student Life, University of California, San Francisco, lists suggestions on how students with disabilities can become better prepared for emergencies and how faculty and staff can assist them, as well as guidelines for evacuating people with disabilities.	<a href="http://student.ucsf.edu/osl/dss/emergency.html">http://student.ucsf.edu/osl/dss/emergency.html</a>
Tips	Emergency Preparedness for Students, Faculty, and Staff with Disabilities— this tip sheet developed by the Disability Programs and Resource Center of the San Francisco State University lists suggestions for how people with disabilities can become better prepared for emergencies and how faculty, staff, and students can assist them. Included are tips for people with disabilities, tips for faculty and supervisors, and guidelines for evacuating people with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.sfsu.edu/~dprc/emergency.html">http://www.sfsu.edu/~dprc/emergency.html</a>