

Special Needs

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If you or someone close to you has a disability or a special need, you may have to take additional steps to protect yourself and your family in an emergency.	
Disability/Special Need	Additional Steps
Hearing Impaired	May need to make special arrangements to receive warnings.
Mobility Impaired	May need special assistance to get to a shelter.
Single Working Parent	May need help to plan for disasters and emergencies.
Non-English Speaking Persons In Emergencies	May need assistance planning for and responding to Community and cultural groups may be able to help keep people informed.
People Without Transportation	May need to make arrangements for transportation.
People With Special Dietary Needs	Should take special precautions to have an adequate emergency food supply.

If you have special needs:

- Find out about special assistance that may be available in your community. Register with the office of emergency services or the local fire department for assistance so needed help can be provided.

Community Assistance and Types of Assistance	
Organization Providing Assistance	Type of Assistance Being Offered

- Create a network of neighbors, relatives, friends, and coworkers to aid you in an emergency. Discuss your needs and make sure everyone knows how to operate necessary equipment.

Support Network of Co-Workers, Neighbors and Friends		
Co-Workers (name, location, telephone)	Neighbors (name, address, telephone)	Friends (name, address, telephone)

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- Discuss your needs with your employer.

Discussions with Your Employer	
Discussed Your Needs with Your Employer	Date and Time Discussed
Items or Topics Covered Regarding Discussion with Your Employer	

- If you are mobility impaired and live or work in a high-rise building, have an escape chair.

Escape Chair for Home and Work		
Escape Chair Make/Model	Chair Location at Home	Chair Location at Work

- If you live in an apartment building, ask the management to mark accessible exits clearly and to make arrangements to help you leave the building.

Accessible Exits and Assistance		
Accessible Exit Type (elevator, stairs, etc.)	Clearly Marked in common areas (hallways, etc.)	Pre-established Agreement with Building Management (assistance, instructions, etc.)

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- Keep specialized items ready, including extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food for service animals, and any other items you might need.

Specialty Items required for medical needs		
Item Name	Location Stored	Reason for Item

- Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration.

Medications that require refrigeration		
Medicine Name	Shelf Life while Refrigerated	Reason for Medication

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- Keep a list of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require.

Required Medical Devices		
Type	Model Number	Reason