

Disaster Acronym Guide

Emergency Management Acronyms

ARC	American Red Cross
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
CRT	Crisis Response Team – See TennHelp
DH	Department of Health
DHS	Department of Human Services
DEMS	Division of Emergency Medical Services
DMHDD	Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
DOS	Department of Safety, formerly Office of Homeland Security
DUA	Disability Unemployment Assistance
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
ICS	Incident Command System
PIO	Public Information Officer
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile
TDH	Tennessee Department of Health
TEMA	Tennessee Emergency Management Agency
TennHelp	Davidson County Mobile Crisis Response Team
VOAD	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

Notes:

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Disability-Related Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADD	Administration on Developmental Disabilities
ADD/ADHD	Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADRC	Adults and Disabled Resource Connection
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders (includes Asperger's Syndrome)
APS	Adult Protective Services
Arc	Arc (formerly, The Association for Retarded Children)
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
B	Blind
CC	Closed Caption
CPS	Child Protective Services
CIL	Center for Independent Living
D	Deaf
DB	Deaf Blind
DCS	Department of Children's Services
DD	Developmental Disability
DLAC	Disability Law and Advocacy Center (Protection and Advocacy)
DMRS	Division of Mental Retardation Services
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
EI	Early Intervention
HOH or HH	Hard of Hearing
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facility for People with Mental Retardation
ID	Intellectual Disability (formerly Mental Retardation)
MH/MI	Mental Health/Mental Illness
MR	Mental Retardation (now ID for Intellectual Disability)
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OT	Occupational Therapy
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PT	Physical Therapy
RMHI	Regional Mental Health Institute
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist (provides speech therapy)
TADRC	The Aging and Disability Resource Connection
TCAD	Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disabilities
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TTY/TDD	Text Telephone/Telecommunications Device for the Deaf
TCDD	Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
UCEDD	University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
VI	Visually Impaired
VP	Video Phone
VR/DRS	Vocational Rehabilitation/Division of Rehabilitative Services
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children