

Emergency Preparedness and Response for People with Disabilities: An Annotated Bibliography

The following bibliography offers a selection of internet resources on emergency preparedness guidelines, suggestions, and tools. The resources are intended for government planners, first responders, individuals with disabilities and their families, employers of individuals with disabilities, and service providers.

Resources for Government Planners and First Responders:

Blank, P.D. (1995). [Disaster mitigation for persons with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on November 26, 2007, from
[www.accessiblesociety.org/topics/independentliving/disasterprep.htm#experts.](http://www.accessiblesociety.org/topics/independentliving/disasterprep.htm#experts)

Lists 7 key principles suggested for the guidance of disaster relief and the training of disaster response officials on issues related to the preparedness and response of people with disabilities.

Center for Development and Disability, University of New Mexico. (2006).

[Tips for first responders.](#)

Retrieved on November 2, 2007, from
[http://cdd.unm.edu/products/tips_web020205.pdf.](http://cdd.unm.edu/products/tips_web020205.pdf)

A field guide for first responders to use during emergency situations. The fact sheets include well organized and easily accessible information on various types of disabilities, and suggestions for successful interactions and evacuations.

Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities. (2005). [Principles for preparedness: A guide for first responders, relief organizations, and government agencies.](#)

Retrieved on November 1, 2007, from
[www.c-c-d.org/task_forces/emer_prep/Final%20Principles.pdf.](http://www.c-c-d.org/task_forces/emer_prep/Final%20Principles.pdf)

A guide that addresses concerns regarding meeting the needs of people with disabilities during emergency situations. It provides justification for each principle and general guidelines for developing improved emergency responses and long term relief for individuals with disabilities.

Disabled People and Disaster Planning. (1998). [Communications after a disaster.](#)

Retrieved on November 26, 2007, from
[www.citycent.com/dp2/communications.htm.](http://www.citycent.com/dp2/communications.htm)

Recommendations for appropriately disseminating information to people with disabilities after a disaster by utilizing radio and television stations.
Recommendations are specific and practical.

Disabled People and Disaster Planning. (1998). [Points of service.](#)

Retrieved on December 4, 2007, from
www.citycent.com/dp2/service.htm.

A list of specific recommendations on how to make services accessible after a disaster. Suggestions are concise and easy to implement.

Ettner, B & Edmunds, M. (2006).

[Emergency preparedness: An overview for aging and disability resource centers.](#)

Retrieved on December 4, 2007, from
www.hcbs.org/moreInfo.php/nb/doc/1643.

An issue brief that describes how Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) can address the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. It includes ADRC specific information as well as suggestions for more general responses from the local and state government. Appendices provide lists of examples, forms, and additional resources for emergency preparedness for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

National Consensus Conference. (2005).

[Disability track: Medication, technology and durable medical equipment.](#)

Retrieved on December 4, 2007, from
[www.add-em-conf.com/abstracts/DME Medication FINAL.pdf](http://www.add-em-conf.com/abstracts/DME_Medication_FINAL.pdf).

This document lists current concerns about emergency preparedness, supported by statistics and other research. It includes specific emergency preparedness plans for the home, community, and at the national policy level. The paper also contains appendices on assistive technology for hearing and visual disabilities as well as a table listing durable medical equipment covered by Medicare.

National Organization on Disability. (2005). [Guide on the special needs of people with disabilities for emergency managers, planners, & responders.](#)

Retrieved on December 4, 2007, from
www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&FeatureID=1034.

An informative introduction provides background and statistics on previous emergencies and the disability community. This is followed by suggestions for working with the disability community in the four phases of the emergency

planning process and information on additional resources for special needs emergency planning.

Tri City Partnership for Special Children and Families. (2006).

[**First responder smart card program.**](#)

Retrieved on November 1, 2007, from
www.tricitypartnership.org/smartcard.htm.

A program consisting of two elements: A training on special needs for first responders, and a registration process for individuals with special needs. The information includes clear definitions of all components of the program and time requirements for training.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (1996). [**Responding to the needs of people with serious and persistent mental illness in times of major disaster.**](#)

Retrieved on November 26, 2007, from
[http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/dtac/FederalResource/Response/1-Responding to Needs Serious Mental Illness.pdf](http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/dtac/FederalResource/Response/1-Responding%20to%20Needs%20Serious%20Mental%20Illness.pdf).

A technical assistance document for planners and first responders on responding in disaster situations for persons with mental illness. Chapters include: Introduction, State Mental Health Authority, Local Mental Health Authorities, Community Mental Health Centers, Crisis Counseling Program, and Psychosocial Rehabilitation Programs. The guide focuses on the needs of people with mental illness as similar to those of people without mental illnesses in disaster situations.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (2007). [**Accommodating individuals with disabilities in the provision of disaster mass care, housing, and human services.**](#)

Retrieved on November 26, 2007, from
www.fema.gov/oer/reference/.

A reference guide for providers which describes legal requirements and standards related to access for people with disabilities in all areas of management activities. It includes information on discrimination, FEMA policy, and brief summaries of laws applicable to emergency service providers.

U.S. Department of Transportation, Department of Civil Rights. (2004).

[**Emergency preparedness and individuals with disabilities.**](#)

Retrieved on November 8, 2007, from
<http://www.dotcr.ost.dot.gov/asp/emergencyprep.asp>.

A website providing general information on various topics related to transportation emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities. It

provides links for more complete and detailed information on the many issues introduced on this website, such as legal obligations, guidelines, and related Department of Transportation committees and teams.

West Virginia University. (2005). [Handbook on disability and special needs.](#)

Retrieved on October 31, 2007, from
[www.cedwvu.org/programs/wvats/hrsabrochure/index.html.](http://www.cedwvu.org/programs/wvats/hrsabrochure/index.html)

A handbook primarily relevant for those responsible for community emergency planning. Main topics include: community planners' roles, disability etiquette, web sites, resources, and web accessibility validators. Each topic is broken into subsets with specific recommendations for preparation and recovery phases. A short section is also included on individual preparedness for people with special needs.

Resources for Individuals With Disabilities and Their Families:

American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine. (1999).

[Emergency preparedness for children with special health care needs.](#)

Retrieved on November 11, 2007, from
[http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/104/4/e53.](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/104/4/e53)

An article summarizing the needs of children with special health issues and related considerations for emergency preparedness. This article focuses on the use of emergency information sets or passports for this population and provides sample forms and recommendations for emergency preparedness.

American National Red Cross.

[Information for seniors & people with disabilities or other special concerns.](#)

Retrieved on November 11, 2007, from
[www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/seniors.html.](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/seniors.html)

Information on emergency preparedness targeted to seniors and people with disabilities. Includes specific suggestions on preparation, notification, and evacuation in emergency situations. Lists are clear, concise, and well-organized.

Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness. (2007).

[Emergency preparedness at home for people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on November 28, 2007, from
[www.disabilitypreparedness.org/Emer%20Prep%20at%20home%20rev%206-07-06.pdf.](http://www.disabilitypreparedness.org/Emer%20Prep%20at%20home%20rev%206-07-06.pdf)

A pamphlet consisting of guidelines for individuals with disabilities and their families for advance planning for an emergency situation while at home. The

checklist includes components on getting information, creating a plan, and preparing a disaster kit.

Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness. (2007).

[Emergency preparedness on the job for people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on November 28, 2007, from

[www.disabilitypreparedness.org/Emergency%20Preparedness%20On%20The%20Job%206-07-06.pdf.](http://www.disabilitypreparedness.org/Emergency%20Preparedness%20On%20The%20Job%206-07-06.pdf)

A pamphlet consisting of specific information for individuals with disabilities to prepare for disaster situations in the workplace. The checklist includes components on getting information, creating a plan, and preparing a disaster kit.

Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions at Western University of Health Sciences. (2004). [Evacuation preparedness guide.](#)

Retrieved on November 26, 2007, from

[http://cdihp.org/evacuation/toc.html.](http://cdihp.org/evacuation/toc.html)

A guide for individuals with disabilities who need assistance in safely evacuating from buildings in emergency situations. Includes chapters on evacuation preparedness, providing personal information quickly, establishing a personal support network, self-assessing ability, and emergency evacuation outcomes. Searches for specific topics can be made within the guide and links to additional resources are included throughout the text.

FEMA. (2004). [Preparing for disaster for people with disabilities and other special needs.](#)

Retrieved on October 31, 2007, from

[www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1442.](http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1442)

Informational booklet for people with disabilities including tips for planning for emergency situations and a preparation checklist. The booklet is very detailed about specific considerations and evaluations that must be addressed before the occurrence of an emergency situation.

FEMA. (2007). [Individuals with special needs: Preparing and planning.](#)

Retrieved on November 11, 2007, from

[www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/specialplans.shtm.](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/specialplans.shtm)

A table, divided by disability, listing special considerations which must be made during emergency situations for people with special needs. Also includes steps for creating an evacuation plan and additional resources.

Federation of American Scientists. (2006). [Really ready disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on November 1, 2007, from
www.fas.org/reallyready/disabilities/index.html.

Provides suggestions for emergency preparedness, such as making an emergency kit and creating an evacuation plan, specifically for people with disabilities. Includes specific checklists for individuals with mobility disabilities, individuals with sensory disabilities, and individuals with cognitive disabilities.

Kailes, J.I. (2007). [Disaster lights & disaster heavies: Relevant emergency preparedness information for people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on November 27, 2007, from
www.jik.com.

A web-cast presentation for people with disabilities on how and why to prepare for a disaster situation. Includes information on registries, support teams, kits, emergency plans, and related issues.

National Fire Protection Association. (n.d.)

[Emergency preparedness for people with disabilities and activity limitations.](#)

Retrieved on December 5, 2007, from
[www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Research/GR/fact/e/People with Disabilities.pdf](http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/Research/GR/fact/e/People_with_Disabilities.pdf).

A fact sheet for people with disabilities on planning and preparing for an emergency situation. It includes information on creating a personal support network, making a personal disaster plan, and putting together an emergency preparedness kit.

National Organization on Disability. (2004).

[Disaster readiness tips for people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on December 5, 2007, from
www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&FeatureID=1539.

Pamphlet containing suggestions for people with disabilities to plan for an emergency situation by identifying resources, creating an emergency plan, and putting together a "Ready Kit." Also includes internet resources for further information and assistance. To obtain print copies contact N.O.D.'s Emergency Preparedness Initiative at (202) 293-5960 or epi@nod.org.

National Organization on Disability. (2004).

[Disaster readiness tips for people with mobility disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on December 5, 2007, from
www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&FeatureID=1571.

Pamphlet specifically for people with mobility disabilities. It focuses on identifying the most likely hazards that will impact their ability to respond to an emergency. Also includes a list of additional resources and suggestions for creating a "Ready Kit."

National Organization on Disability. (2004).

[Disaster readiness tips for people with sensory disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on December 5, 2007, from

[www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&FeatureID=1569.](http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&FeatureID=1569)

This pamphlet focuses on individuals with sensory disabilities and the importance of creating an appropriate and individualized emergency preparedness plan. It includes information on preparedness, warning and response, sheltering, additional resources, and creating a "Ready Kit," as well as some general tips for completing the suggested steps.

Ohio Legal Rights Service. (2006).

[Readiness checklist: Emergency management be prepared kit.](#)

Retrieved on October 31, 2007, from

[http://olrs.ohio.gov/beprepared/beprepared.htm.](http://olrs.ohio.gov/beprepared/beprepared.htm)

Consists of an introduction and three booklets which include a readiness checklist for home, a shelter checklist, and an important people and places checklist. Each includes a detailed list of recommendations and a short justification. It provides a very practical and straightforward structure for a person with special needs to prepare for an emergency situation.

Research and Training Center on Independent Living at the University of Kansas. (2007).

[Individual disaster preparedness poster.](#)

Retrieved on October 31, 2007, from

[www2.ku.edu/~rrtcpbs/findings/posters_orderform.shtml.](http://www2.ku.edu/~rrtcpbs/findings/posters_orderform.shtml)

An 18" x 24" poster created for people with mobility impairments. It includes a do's and don'ts checklist of 17 general items for disaster preparedness.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (2007). [Preparing makes sense for people with disabilities and special needs. Get ready now.](#)

Retrieved on November 28, 2007, from

[www.ready.gov/america/downloads/disabilities.pdf.](http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/disabilities.pdf)

A pamphlet that provides details on putting together a kit of emergency supplies, making a plan for an emergency, and being informed about what might happen in an emergency situation. It focuses on evaluating one's personal needs to create an individualized emergency management plan.

Wells, Conni. (2007). [Disaster preparedness for families of children with special needs](http://fifionline.org/resources/disaster_english.pdf). Retrieved on December 5, 2007, from http://fifionline.org/resources/disaster_english.pdf.

A document that includes emergency preparedness information divided into the following three sections: Thinking Ahead, Disaster Planning & Preparation, and Response and Recovery. It focuses on issues for families of children with disabilities and provides a sample personal information form for the child's relevant medical and personal information.

Resources for Employers of Individuals with Disabilities:

Batiste, L.C. & Loy, B. (2007). [Employers' guide to including employees with disabilities in emergency evacuation plans](http://www.jan.wvu.edu/media/emergency.html). Retrieved on November 28, 2007, from www.jan.wvu.edu/media/emergency.html.

Includes guidelines for employers to include employees with disabilities in emergency evacuation plans through plan development, general accommodations for certain types of disabilities, plan implementation, and plan maintenance. An easy to use checklist is included to help identify accommodation needs, investigate options, finalize the plan, implement the plan, and maintain the plan.

Resources for Service Providers:

United Cerebral Palsy. (2006). [When disaster strikes: An emergency preparedness checklist for providers of services and supports for people with disabilities](http://www.ancor.org/issues/disaster/UCP_when_disaster_strikes_05-06.pdf). Retrieved on November 28, 2007, from www.ancor.org/issues/disaster/UCP_when_disaster_strikes_05-06.pdf.

A checklist consisting of 27 suggestions for providers of services for individuals with disabilities to utilize all resources for disaster preparedness and response. Topics include community emergency planning, macro preparedness, and micro preparedness.

Training Tools for First Responders:

Disabled People and Disaster Planning. (1997). [Training rescue workers](http://www.citycent.com/dp2/). Retrieved on December 4, 2007, from www.citycent.com/dp2/.

A concise list of 7 specific suggestions for the training of rescue workers for an emergency situation involving individuals with disabilities. Also includes a short section on pre-disaster planning.

Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities. (2006). [Fostering communication between emergency responders and the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.](#)

Retrieved on October 28, 2007, from [http://ems-mx4.sradev.com/dhs/communication.htm.](http://ems-mx4.sradev.com/dhs/communication.htm)

Describes a training course by Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Inc (TDI) developed as part of the Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN) process. The course, "Emergency Responders and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community: Taking the First Steps to Disaster Preparedness," includes training on communication barriers, emergency preparedness, legal responsibilities, and discussion of scenarios.

U.S. Department of Justice., Civil Rights Division. (2006). [An ADA guide for local governments: Making community emergency preparedness and response programs accessible to people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on October 28, 2007, from [www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprepguide.htm.](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprepguide.htm)

Describes ways for local government response programs to provide people with disabilities with appropriate emergency management plans, notifications of emergencies, evacuation services, and accessible shelters.

U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy. (2002). [Communicating with and about people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on October 28, 2007, from [www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/comucate.htm.](http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/comucate.htm)

Highlights communication with people with disabilities during emergency situations. Provides a list of affirmative and negative phrases and tips for communicating with people with specific disabilities such as visual impairment, deafness, mobility impairment, speech impairment, and cognitive disabilities.

United States Fire Administration. (2002). [Orientation manual for first responders on the evacuation of people with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on October 28, 2007, from [www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-235-508.pdf.](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-235-508.pdf)

Pamphlet that provides information and suggestions on how to locate people with disabilities during an emergency, communicate with people with various impairments, and address specific mobility issues.

VSA Arts. (2006). [Access and opportunities: A guide to disability awareness](#).

Retrieved on October 31, 2007, from
www.vsarts.org/documents/resources/general/DAG_2006.pdf.

A guide that provides information about various disabilities. It includes profiles of specific disabilities, suggestions for positive interactions with “people-first” language, and a section on the history of the disability movement.

Resources on the Impact of Specific Disasters and Implications for Future Planning:

Hurricane Andrew

Sanders, S., Bowie, S. & Bowie, Y. (2003). [Lessons learned on forced relocation of older adults: The impact of Hurricane Andrew on health, mental health, and social support of public housing residents](#). *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 40, 23-35.

Retrieved on November 14, 2007, from
www.haworthpress.com/store/E-Text/View_EText.asp?sid=U24FAJLPB55W8G1X3JQA61WL7GHSBBP8&a=3&s=J083&v=40&i=4&fn=J083v40n04%5F03.

A study that used interviews with elderly individuals affected by Hurricane Andrew, all of whom had chronic health conditions, to identify issues in the response to the needs of older adults following a natural disaster. The paper identified implications for better preparation for future emergencies to ensure that the needs of older adults are adequately met.

Hurricanes Bonnie, Dennis, and Floyd

Willigen, M.V., Edwards, T., Edwards, B. & Hesse, S. (2002, August). [Riding out the storm: Experiences of the physically disabled during Hurricanes Bonnie, Dennis, and Floyd](#). *Natural Hazards Review*, 3, 98-107.

Retrieved on November 14, 2007, from
www.ascelibrary.org.

A study that examined data from interviews and phone surveys with households with and without physically disabled members after Hurricanes Bonnie, Dennis, and Floyd. Results showed that households with physically disabled members

were less likely to evacuate because of a lack of or perceived lack of access to services and assistance.

Hurricane Katrina and Rita

Cameron, C. (2005). [Emergency preparedness for people with disabilities and other special needs: Another look after Katrina.](#)

Retrieved on November 7, 2007, from
www.disabilitypreparedness.org/NEW%20DPC%20WEB%20PAGE/Emergency%20Planning%20for%20People%20With%20Disabilities%20and%20Other%20Special%20needs%20-%20article%20revised%209-19-05.pdf.

An article that uses the disruption caused by Hurricane Katrina as an illustration of the major issues that still exist in emergency preparedness for individuals with special needs. It provides a background on disability terms and legal requirements as well as including five specific plans of action to improve emergency preparedness for people with disabilities.

Deal, B., Fountain, R., Russell-Broadus, C. & Stanley-Hermanns, M. (2006). [Challenges and opportunities of nursing care in special-needs shelters.](#) *Disaster Management & Response*, 4, 100-105.

Retrieved on November 7, 2007, from
www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=ArticleURL&_udi=B73G1-4MDP7F0-8&_user=86629&_rdoc=1&_fmt=&_orig=search&_sort=d&view=c&_acct=C000006878&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=86629&md5=eab30974582e65ae73a788e148351fcf.

An article about the experiences of nurses volunteering in special-needs shelters after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The article includes suggestions to help improve conditions in shelters for people with special needs during future emergencies. Recommendations are based on the nurses' personal experiences during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

National Council on Disability. (2006). [The needs of people with psychiatric disabilities before and after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: Position paper and recommendations.](#)

Retrieved on November 6, 2007, from
www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2006/peopleneeds.htm.

A paper that identifies major findings on the weaknesses of the emergency response system for people with psychiatric disabilities as witnessed during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It refers to the NCD's 2005 report on including people with disabilities in emergency planning in order to illustrate the changes that still need to be made to prepare for future emergency situations. The paper

provides specific recommendations for emergency management officials and policymakers that align with the previous NCD report to incorporate inclusion and nondiscrimination into the continuing process of emergency planning.

National Organization on Disability. (2005). [Report on special needs assessment for Katrina evacuees \(SNAKE\) project.](#)

Retrieved on November 6, 2007, from [www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/katrina_snake_report.pdf.](http://www.nod.org/Resources/PDFs/katrina_snake_report.pdf)

A paper that summarizes the Special Needs Assessment 4 Katrina (SNAKE) project, conducted in evacuation shelters immediately after Hurricane Katrina. The project focused on the experiences and observations from the hurricane response efforts in order to develop short and long-term recommendations to address the needs of seniors and people with special needs in emergency situations. Data included was also expected to support future reviews and the development of new protocol to improve the emergency management system for this population.

White, G.W., Fox, M.H., Rooney, C., & Cahill, A. (2007). [Assessing the impact of Hurricane Katrina on persons with disabilities.](#)

Retrieved on November 2, 2007, from [www.rtcil.org/products/NIDRR_FinalKatrinaReport.pdf.](http://www.rtcil.org/products/NIDRR_FinalKatrinaReport.pdf)

Identifies gaps in key areas of pre and post Hurricane Katrina emergency preparedness for people with disabilities. It was completed through the use of surveys and interviews with Center for Independent Living managers and first responders. It includes nine specific recommendations for future planning.

Research and Reports on Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities:

Bascetta, C. (2006). [Disaster preparedness: Preliminary observations on the evacuation of vulnerable populations due to hurricanes and other disasters.](#)

Retrieved on November 7, 2007, from [www.gao.gov/new.items/d06790t.pdf.](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d06790t.pdf)

This testimony, which was presented to the US Senate Special Committee on Aging, discusses some of the challenges involved with the evacuation of people with special needs, especially physical needs, during an emergency situation. It also reports on various types of efforts which are currently in place to address these needs.

Harkins, J., Strauss, K.P., & Vanderhelden, G. (2006).

[Accessible emergency notification and communication.](#)

Retrieved on November 27, 2007, from
<http://tap.gallaudet.edu/emergency/FinalReport.pdf>.

A document that includes research topics identified during the State of the Science Conference at Gallaudet University for advances in emergency planning for individuals with special needs. The categories which include government to individual emergency communication, individual to government emergency communication, and individual to individual communication are used to organize research, training, and policy recommendations presented throughout.

National Council on Disability. (2005).

[**Saving lives: Including people with disabilities in emergency planning.**](#)

Retrieved on November 6, 2007, from
www.ncd.gov/newsroom/publications/2005/saving_lives.htm.

An extensive evaluation by the National Council on Disability of the country's emergency preparation and disaster relief as related to individuals with disabilities. The report consists of five sections which include: introduction, improving access to disaster services for people with disabilities, role of community based organizations, the developing disability-related homeland security, emergency preparedness and disaster relief infrastructure, and recommendations. It offers advice to the Federal Government for establishing emergency policies and an overview of steps recommended in order to provide adequately for individuals with disabilities during an emergency situation.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. (2005).

[**Individuals with disabilities in emergency preparedness: Executive Order 13347.**](#)

Retrieved on November 7, 2007, from
www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/CRCL_IWDEP_AnnualReport_2005.pdf.

A report on the implementation of Executive Order 13347 which provides an executive summary, introduction, information about the implementation of the executive order, accomplishments, and recommendations. Information is divided by the eight subcommittees which all have individual objectives, issues, projects, and goals.

Resources on Emergency Preparedness and Disability Law:

U.S. Department of Justice. (2007). [**Chapter 7: Emergency management under Title II of the ADA.**](#) In *ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments*.

Retrieved on November 27, 2007, from
www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/pcatoolkit/toolkitmain.htm.

A chapter on emergency management from a technical assistance document for state and local government officials designed to improve compliance with ADA. The chapter and its addendums include information on emergency management for individuals with disabilities, a checklist of emergency management procedures, information on accessible shelters, and an ADA checklist for shelters.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security. [Disability law: Know your rights.](#)

Retrieved on November 8, 2007, from
www.disabilitypreparedness.gov/ppp/dislaw.htm.

A short list of rights, based on various acts and laws, for people with disabilities to expect during emergency planning and situations. Includes links to additional resources for further details.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. (2005). [Fact sheet on obtaining and using employee medical information as part of emergency evacuation procedures.](#)

Retrieved on November 26, 2007, from
www.eeoc.gov/facts/evacuation.html.

Consists of four questions and answers regarding employers' abilities to obtain and use information for workplace comprehensive emergency evacuation plans. Questions and answers are clearly stated and explained with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act.

Resources on Emergency Preparedness and HIPAA:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. (2006).

[HIPAA privacy rule: Disclosures for emergency preparedness.](#)

Retrieved on November 8, 2007, from
www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/decisiontool/.

A tool for making decisions about the disclosure of protected health information for emergency preparedness purposes. The decision tool goes through three questions to address whether or not specific types of disclosures should be made. It is not presented for the use of a particular population, but is especially applicable for emergency responders interacting with those with special needs during an emergency situation.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights. (2005).

[Hurricane Katrina bulletin: HIPAA privacy and disclosures in emergency situations.](#)

Retrieved on November 8, 2007, from
<http://privacyruleandresearch.nih.gov/pdf/HurricaneKatrina.pdf>.

Information on how health care providers can share patient treatment and notification information under the HIPAA privacy rule, which allows patient information to be shared to assist disaster relief efforts.

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