

Aging Populations

[Continuum of Care Model: Caring for Elders during Disasters](#)

A Guide for Community-Based Planning - The purpose of this guide is to provide information and resources to guide and support local communities in their efforts to develop and sustain a continuum of care for elders during disasters. This document, along with the Step-by-Step Companion Toolkit available as a separate PDF, provides a comprehensive guide to communities for engaging elder care stakeholders in the preparedness, response, and recovery cycles of all-hazards disaster management.

[Caring for Older Adults in Disasters: A Curriculum for Health Professionals](#)

National Center for Disaster Medicine & Public Health - The purpose of this curriculum is to enable educators to teach health professionals about caring for older adults in disasters. A wide range of health professions can use this curriculum.

[Disaster Preparedness and the Chronic Disease Needs of Vulnerable Older Adults](#)

CDC Guide: About 80% of older adults have at least one chronic condition that makes them more vulnerable than healthy people during a disaster. These chronic conditions, combined with the physiological, sensory, and cognitive changes experienced as part of aging, result in frail older adults having special needs during emergencies. Planning and coordination among public health and emergency preparedness professionals and professionals who provide services for the aging are essential to meet these special needs.

[Single Point of Entry Systems: Home and Community-Based Services for People with Dementia and Their Caregivers](#)

Individuals and families coping with dementia need simple access to accurate information and local long term care support and services. Information and assistance systems are important in increasing the use of Home and Community Based Services while reducing institutional care and related costs. Single points of entry systems offer consumers one-stop access to information, support, and linkages to local care services.

[Population-Specific Resources: Older Adults](#)

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services resource links to guides on emergency preparedness for older adults, to include:

- Elderly Populations in Disasters: Hospital Guidelines for Geriatric Preparedness
- Disaster Preparedness and the Chronic Disease Needs of Vulnerable Older Adults
- Disaster Preparedness: Home and Community-Based Services for People with Dementia and Their Caregivers
- The Effects of Evacuation on Nursing Home Residents with Dementia
- CDC's Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults