

## **General Guidance**

[Department of Justice ADA Best Practices Toolkit for State and Local Governments](#)  
(Note Chapter 7 - Emergency Management)

[Emergency Power Planning for People Who Use Electricity and Battery Dependent Assistive Technology and Medical Devices](#)

This emergency power planning checklist is for people who use electricity and battery dependent assistive technology and medical devices.

[Emergency Preparedness at Home for People with Disabilities: Guidelines](#)

Impact Newsletter – University of Minnesota

[FEMA's Office of Disability Integration & Coordination Fact Sheets](#)

Integrating and coordinating emergency preparedness, response and recovery for children and adults with disabilities and others with access and functional needs before, during and after a disaster.

[Guidance on providing Access and Functional Needs Support Services](#)

Cleveland Department of Public Health

[FEMA - A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management: Principles, Themes and Pathways to Action](#)

[ADA National Network: Emergency Preparedness Webinar Series](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act

[Muscular Dystrophy Association: Preparing for Emergencies, A Checklist for People with Neuromuscular Diseases](#)

The MDA provides a checklist to help people with neuromuscular diseases protect themselves and their family.

[Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and Other Special Needs](#)

This booklet from FEMA and the American Red Cross helps people with disabilities prepare for all kinds of emergencies. It includes information on why you should get prepared, and what you can do to make a plan and get informed.

[Disaster Safety for People with Disabilities](#)

American Red Cross - Create an emergency plan that addresses your needs.

[Effective Communications for People with Disabilities: Before, During, and After Emergencies](#)

This 2014 report from the National Council on Disability identifies barriers, facilitators, and successful practices to providing effective emergency-related communications.

### [Nobody Left Behind: Disaster Preparedness for Persons with Mobility Impairments](#)

This website provides resources to help personnel in the health, emergency management, response, disaster relief or disabilities fields learn more about preparing for disasters and assistance for people with disabilities.

### [Nobody Left Behind: Report on Exemplary and Best Practices in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response for People with Disabilities](#)

Disaster Preparedness for Persons with Mobility Impairments research study determined the readiness of emergency management sites across the United States to assist persons with mobility impairments during disasters. One component of the NLB project was to identify exemplary polices, practices, and programs in emergency management designed to assist persons with mobility limitations. The identified exemplary situations are the basis of this white paper.

### [Information and Technical Assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)

This website, offered by the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, provides information and technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. It includes a full text version of the ADA. Title II: State and Local Government Activities and Title III: Public Accommodations are most applicable to emergency planners.

### [Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities](#)

An ADA Guide for Local Governments (PDF)

### [ADA Checklist for Emergency Shelters](#)

One of the most important roles of State and local government is to protect people from harm, including helping people obtain food and shelter in major emergencies. When disasters occur, people are often provided safe refuge in temporary shelters located in schools, office buildings, tents, or other facilities. This ADA guide provides checklists and tips on establishing accessible emergency shelters.

### [ADA Best Practices Toolkit for State and Local Governments](#)

Chapter 7, Addendum 1: Emergency Management – This ADA checklist is designed for use as a preliminary assessment of emergency management programs, policies, procedures, and shelter facilities.

### [A Guide to Disability Rights Laws](#)

Issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division: This guide provides an overview of Federal civil rights laws that ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities, including the ADA. Contact information for agencies and organizations that can provide more information about how these laws are also provided.

### [American Red Cross Disaster Relief](#)

The American Red Cross is a national and international organization that exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. The Red Cross is organized into five key services: areas disaster relief, lifesaving blood, supporting America's Military Families, health and safety services, and international services.

### [FEMA – Office of Disability Integration and Coordination](#)

FEMA is a federal agency whose mission is to support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover and mitigate all hazards. This webpage is for individuals interested in learning more about the mission and role of the office and the larger emergency management community.

### [FEMA - Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters](#)

This FEMA document provides planning guidance that can be incorporated into existing shelter plans to state emergency managers and shelter planners to meet access and functional needs in general population shelters.

### [FEMA - Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management: Principles, Themes, and Pathways to Action](#)

This FEMA document presents a foundation for increasing individual preparedness and engaging with members of the community as collaborative resources to enhance the resiliency and security of our nation through a whole community approach.

### [Prepare for Emergencies Now: Information for Older Americans](#)

This FEMA brochure outlines commonsense measures older Americans can take to start preparing for emergencies before they happen.

### [NFPA Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide for People with Disabilities](#)

This National Fire Protection Association webpage gives various resources and information on assisting people with disabilities during evacuation operations.

### [ADA Requirements: Service Animals](#)

Issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division: This document provides the ADA's 2010 Revised Requirements regarding service animals.

### [Ohio Disability and Health Program – National and Statewide Disability Organizations](#)

This is a list of state and local disability organizations compiled by ODHP that local emergency management agencies can contact to seek guidance on creating an inclusive emergency plan.

### [University of Findlay/National Organization on Disability – Emergency Preparedness Initiative](#)

Webinar archives of the Conference on Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities.

### [State of Ohio Emergency Operations Plan – Access and Functional Needs](#)

Ohio Emergency Management Agency – This tab of Ohio's State EOP provides planning guidance for meeting federal regulations that impact access and functional needs in general population shelters throughout Ohio.

### [Evacuation Transportation Planning Tips for People with Access and Functional Needs](#)

A “Be Ready To Go” guide from the California Emergency Management Agency’s Evacuation/Transportation of People with Access and Functional Needs Planning Project.

### [CDC Fact Sheet: Communicating With and About People with Disabilities](#)

A CDC webpage of suggestions on how to communicate with and about people with disabilities.

### [US Dept. of Health & Human Services: Access and Functional Needs](#)

The resources in this Topic Collection highlight recent case studies, lessons learned, tools, and promising practices for working with individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. ASPR TRACIE updated this Topic Collection in April 2017.

### [CDC Public Health Workbook: To Define, Locate and Reach Special, Vulnerable and At-Risk Populations in an Emergency](#)

By following the process outlined in this document, you will begin to develop a Community Outreach Information Network (COIN), a grassroots network of people and trusted leaders who can help with emergency response planning and delivering information to at-risk populations in emergencies.

### [Ohio Disability and Health Program](#)

Health Trainings and Continuing Education programs offered at The Ohio State University’s Nisonger Center, a university center for excellence in developmental disabilities.

### [Moving Beyond “Special Needs”](#)

A Function-Based Framework for Emergency Management and Planning – University of Montana

### [FEMA Independent Study \(IS\)-505: Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster](#)

This FEMA course provides an introduction to the whole community concept, the policy and directives associated with diversity, and how diversity strengthens emergency management’s capabilities.

### [FEMA IS-0368: Including People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs in Disaster Operations](#)

This FEMA course provides an overview of disabilities and access and functional needs, and explains how disaster staff can apply inclusive practices in their disaster assignments.

### [US Dept. of Health & Human Services: Avoiding Disasters for the “Special Needs Population”](#)

Effective planning, response, and recovery for the special needs population, consistent with federal civil rights laws

### [County of Los Angeles Public Health: Inclusive Planning](#)

This Inclusive Planning document is a compilation of technical resources that operationalize the concepts of health equity and disability. Access and functional needs planning in the emergency operations center setting.

[State of Minnesota: Functional Needs Planning Toolkit for Emergency Planners](#)

This toolkit/guidance is designed to assist emergency planners in accessing local, regional, statewide and national resources for planning for people with access and functional needs.

[Community Commons \(Home Page\)](#)

Community Commons is a collaborative initiative that exists to serve the healthy communities' movement by helping change-makers advance equitable community health and well-being.

[CDC's Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#)

Social vulnerability refers to the resilience of communities when confronted by external stresses on human health, stresses such as natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks.