

Emergency Preparedness

Emergencies and disasters can happen fast with no warning. In many disaster situations, people may become trapped in their homes or forced to leave their home. For people with disabilities, emergencies or disasters such as fires, floods and acts of terrorism present a real challenge. It is important that people with disabilities and their family members make plans to protect themselves in the event of disasters. In preparation, first responders need to know how to work with people with disabilities to evacuate them safely and quickly. Emergency planners must ensure that shelters are accessible to people with a variety of disabilities.

Below are links to organizations and information that can help you prepare for an emergency or disaster:

<http://www.shepherd.org/resources/rescue>

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/emergencypreparedness.html>

<http://ada.georgia.gov/emergency-preparedness>