

# At-A-Glance

## Individuals with Access and Functional Needs



### **Who are the individuals with Access and Functional Needs**

- Those who are deaf or hard of hearing may need to make special arrangements to receive emergency warnings.
- Single working parents and those with limited English proficiency may need help planning for disasters and emergencies.
  - Community, faith based and cultural groups may be able to keep people informed.
- People without vehicles may need to make arrangements for transportation.

### **Emergency Items**

- Copies of prescriptions, doctor orders, and the style and serial numbers of the support devices you use.
- Extra glasses, hearing aids, extra batteries or battery chargers for hearing aids, motorized wheelchairs, or other battery-operated medical or assistive technology devices.
- Medical Alert Tags or Bracelets or written descriptions of your disability and support needs.
- Service Animal Supplies.
- Medical Insurance cards, Medicare/Medicaid cards, physician contact information, list of allergies, and health history.
- List of the local non-profit or community-based organizations that know you or assist people with access and functional needs similar to yours.
- List of personal contacts, family, and friends you may need to contact in an emergency.
- Laminated personal communication board, if you might need assistance with being understood.
- If possible, extra medicine, oxygen, insulin, catheters, or other medical supplies you use regularly.
- If you use a motorized wheelchair or scooter, have a manual wheelchair available. Know the size and weight of your wheelchair, in addition to whether or not it is collapsible, in case it has to be transported.
- Even if you do not use a computer yourself, consider putting important information onto a portable thumb drive for easy transport in an evacuation.

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