

# Community Disaster Preparedness



**Nobody Left Behind**

Disaster Preparedness for Persons with Mobility Impairments

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## Disaster Do's and Don'ts Checklist

- ✓ Do get involved at work, housing unit & in public disaster planning.
- ✗ *Don't wait until a disaster, and people with disabilities are left behind.*
- ✓ Do prepare at home and expand preparedness to public settings.
- ✗ *Don't assume evacuation plans exist for persons with disabilities.*
- ✓ Do form an 'Accessibility Committee' at work and other public places.
- ✗ *Don't assume you'll be evacuating with everyone else.*
- ✓ Do explore evacuation options with emergency managers & others.
- ✗ *Don't overlook alternatives, such as evacuation chairs.*
- ✓ Do share the plan with all those in the building and then practice it.
- ✗ *Don't wait until the disaster to raise awareness on disability issues.*
- ✓ Do learn about disasters and disabilities and share that knowledge.
- ✗ *Don't forget to check shelter accessibility & service animal provisions.*
- ✓ Do talk to local emergency managers and Red Cross about ADA.
- ✗ *Don't wait to train and educate others about the plan procedures.*
- ✓ Do initiate talking to emergency managers, responders, and Red Cross.
- ✗ *Don't forget to develop a network of supporters who can assist you.*
- ✓ Do get involved so that "Nobody Is Left Behind".

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