

# DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

## Evacuation and Disaster Resources

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### **American Red Cross**

#### **National Capital Region Headquarters**

8550 Arlington Boulevard  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
703-584-8400 (V)

#### **Montgomery County Office**

2020 East West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

[www.redcross.org/local/washington-dc](http://www.redcross.org/local/washington-dc)

Provide practical and helpful awareness and educational information that shows the public how to save lives, reduce injuries, and protect their homes from disaster. Provide shelter, food, and clothing to address basic human needs during disasters. Provide emergency financial assistance in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Distribute financial assistance for households that need extra help in the long-term. Provide grants for community-based recovery services.

### **Disaster Assistance Improvement Program**

#### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Dept. of Homeland Security**

P.O. Box 10055  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
1-800-621-3362 (Toll Free)  
1-800-462-7585 (TTY)

1-800-621-3362 (Video Relay Service)

**Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., EST, 7 days a week.

[www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)

Provide disaster survivors with information, support, services, and a means to access and apply for disaster assistance through joint data-sharing efforts between federal, tribal, state, local, and private sector partners. Site allows you to: find disaster assistance that meets your personal needs; learn about more than 70 forms of assistance from 17 federal agencies; apply for disaster assistance and reduce the number of forms you have to fill out; check the status of your application; find a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) near you; find a hotel or a new place to live; find programs to help with food and nutrition needs; change the address for your Social Security, VA, or other federal benefits; and learn about Small Business Administration (SBA) loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses. The site can also help you learn how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. You can learn to deal with immediate needs, like how to: evacuate or shelter in place; find emergency shelter; get food and water; handle emergency medical situations until help arrives; and find family, friends, and even lost pets.

### **Disaster Resources for People with Disabilities and Others with Access and Functional Needs, Emergency Managers & Planners & Disability-Focused Organizations**

June Isaacson Kailes, Disability Policy Consultant

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[www.jik.com/disaster.html](http://www.jik.com/disaster.html)

Guides, forms, checklists, tools, samples, videos, and general preparedness information for people with disabilities, their families, and their support networks.

### **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III Office (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV)**

615 Chestnut Street

One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404

215-931-5500 (V)

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

Support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve their capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards. Each FEMA Region is staffed with a Regional Disability Integration Specialist who provide guidance, training, and tools for facilitating disability-inclusive emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. Regional Disability Integration Specialists work closely with the states to ensure that their disaster planning is inclusive of people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs. Simultaneously, they work with local nonprofit disability groups to reach the disability community encouraging them to participate in federal, state, local, and community emergency planning meetings. Provide assistive devices in our disaster recovery centers to fully accommodate disaster survivors with disabilities as they apply for disaster assistance.

### **Inclusive Preparedness Center at Inclusion Research Institute**

1319 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 100

Washington, DC 20003

202-338-7158 (V)

E-mail: [pheineman@inclusionresearch.org](mailto:pheineman@inclusionresearch.org)

[www.inclusivepreparedness.org](http://www.inclusivepreparedness.org)

Assist local emergency planning organizations in the planning for individuals who need specialized communications, transportation, medical supports, training, workshops, and on-site technical assistance.

### **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**

1-800-526-7234 (Toll Free)

1-877-781-9403 (TTY)

<https://askjan.org/publications/>

Publish the guide “Accommodation and Compliance Series: Employers' Guide to Including Employees with Disabilities in Emergency Evacuation Plans”.

### **Montgomery County Community Emergency**

#### **Response Team (CERT)**

Greg St. James, Program Manager

100 Edison Park Drive

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

240-777-2407 (V)

E-mail: [greg.stjames@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:greg.stjames@montgomerycountymd.gov)

<http://montgomerycert.org>

Serves the community by helping to teach residents how to be prepared for disasters (great and small), providing support to community efforts, and as trained individuals prepared to step up when the need arises to help fellow community members. The CERT training course prepares residents for common emergencies situations and the hazards and disasters that may impact the DC Metro area. The course is five weeks long; approximately 32 hours of instruction and hands on exercises. Offer free CPR/AED classes taught by ASHI (American Safety and Health Institute) professional instructors. **Storm Camp** is a free half-day interactive educational event for adults and children. Storm Camp will show residents how to: build a Home Disaster Kit; safely operate a fire extinguisher; respond to common life-threatening medical emergencies; organize your neighborhood and workplace to be ready; and prepare your home and loved ones for emergencies large and small. CERT is made up of community volunteers who give their time to make the County a more resilient and better place to live.

### **Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS)**

100 Edison Park, Suite 1S31

Gaithersburg, MD 20878

240-777-0311 (V)

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs)

Educate the public on emergency preparedness for all hazards and focused outreach to the County's diverse and special populations. Website features information on disaster preparedness for the individuals with access and functional needs and older adults. **Sign up for Alert Montgomery** to receive emergency notifications and severe weather and transportation alerts:

<http://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov>.

### **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)**

1-800-344-3555 (Toll Free)

[www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/people-at-risk/people-with-disabilities/educational-materials](http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/people-at-risk/people-with-disabilities/educational-materials)

Offers a variety of materials specific to persons with disabilities.

### **National Safety Council**

1-800-621-7619 (Toll Free)

E-mail: [customerservice@nsc.org](mailto:customerservice@nsc.org)

[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

Eliminates preventable deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. Emergency preparedness training and resources for the workplace.

### **U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)**

16825 South Seton Avenue

Emmitsburg, MD 21727

301-447-1000 (V)

1-800-238-3358 (Toll Free)

[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

Prevention, preparedness, and response by providing national leadership to local fire and emergency services. Fire prevention and safety campaigns.