

# Build a Personalized Emergency Plan

## Include your support network

- Include caregivers, neighbors, and local agencies into your plans and share it with them.
- Provide the power company with a list of all power-dependent life-support equipment and plan for an alternate power source in advance.

## Tailor your emergency kit

- Include extra batteries for medical devices, medications, adaptive equipment, communication tools, and dietary supplies.

## Plan for accessible transportation

- Coordinate in advance with local paratransit or accessible evacuation services.
- Register for the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) through your local Office of Emergency Management.

## Keep key documents ready

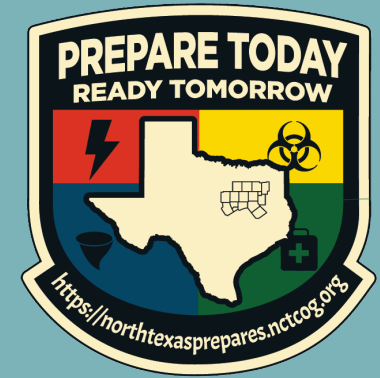
- Store copies of IDs, prescriptions, insurance, and medical information in a waterproof bag or secure digital file.

## What Are Access & Functional Needs (AFN)?

Individuals with AFN may require additional assistance before, during, or after an emergency.

This includes people who:

- Have physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities.
- Use mobility devices or service animals.
- Are older adults.
- Have limited English proficiency.
- Rely on medical equipment or home healthcare.
- Live in congregate settings or are unhoused.



# Access and Functional Needs

Prepare Today.  
Ready Tomorrow.



# Stay Informed & Connected



## Sign up for alerts

- Register with emergency notification systems to receive alerts like severe weather and boil advisories.

## Make sure you have accessible alerts

- Ensure your alerts come in formats you can use: text, TTY, ASL videos, or multilingual.

## Let local officials know your needs

- Many counties have voluntary AFN registries—contact your local Office of Emergency Management to sign up.



Scan for resources

## Resources

### KnoWhat2Do

- A community preparedness initiative offering resources and information to help individuals and families plan for various hazards.

[www.knowwhat2do.com](http://www.knowwhat2do.com)

### Texas State Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

- A free, voluntary, confidential registry that allows individuals with access and functional needs to provide information about their needs to local emergency planners and responders.

<https://stear.texas.gov/>

### 2-1-1 Texas

- A free, confidential service that helps people across Texas find the local resources they need, including disaster assistance, housing, food, and more.

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[www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org)

## Resources



### North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging

- Offers services for older adults and their caregivers, including benefits counseling, care coordination, and long-term care services.

<https://www.nctcog.org/aging-services>

### Oncor's Critical Care and Chronic Condition Residents

- Oncor residents can apply to be designated as a Critical Care Customer or a Chronic Condition Customer if you rely on a electrical powered medical device to sustain life.
- This DOES NOT guarantee that the power supply will not be interrupted.

<https://www.oncor.com/content/oncorwww/us/en/home/about-us/regulatory/chronic-condition-critical-care-critical-load.html>