

Personal Preparedness Tips

Three easy steps you can take to prepare for emergencies are to make a plan, build an emergency kit, and stay informed.

Make a plan:

- Write down contact information for caregivers, family, doctors, and the companies that make and sell any medical devices you use
- Know where you will go if you need to evacuate
- If you have special medical devices or a service animal, make sure to keep copies of instructions for medical devices and pet identification with you
- Visit www.health.ri.gov/emergencyplan for help making your emergency plan

Build an emergency kit that has what you need for at least three days. Think about including:

- Non-perishable food and one gallon of water per person per day
- Prescription medications
- Hearing aids and hearing aid batteries
- Patch kit and extra inner-tubes for wheelchair tires
- Paper, pencils, emergency communication boards, and alternative communication tools

Stay informed by:

- Knowing what emergencies are more likely to happen in your area, like a flood or a serious winter storm
- Listening to or watching radio and television updates from local or state officials
- Sign up for CodeRED alerts about local emergencies like storms, power outages, fires, or floods. Visit www.riema.ri.gov and click on CodeRED at the bottom of the page.



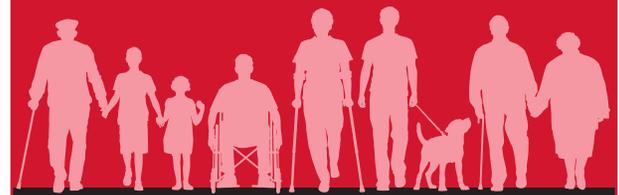
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For more information:

- Visit www.health.ri.gov/emregistry
- Call 401-222-5960 / RI Relay 711
- Email RIDOH.RISNER@health.ri.gov



Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry



A SERVICE FOR RHODE ISLANDERS WHO MAY NEED HELP DURING EMERGENCIES



The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) developed this registry as a service to Rhode Islanders with chronic conditions, disabilities, and other special healthcare needs.



The Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry is a service to tell first responders who may need help during an emergency because of their special healthcare needs.

Some examples of people who might enroll in the Registry include those who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, dialysis, a respirator, ventilator, pacemaker, or are insulin dependent
- Have mobility disabilities and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane, or other mobility device
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing, or Deaf
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental, or mental health disabilities
- Use a service animal

How to Enroll

You can enroll online or by mail. If you need a Registry enrollment form in another language, please call 401-222-5960.

Online

1. Visit www.health.ri.gov/emregistry
2. Click the “Enroll Now” button
3. Or, use this QR code:



By mail

1. Visit www.health.ri.gov/emregistry and print the form. You can also call 401-222-5960/RI Relay 711 or email RIDOH.RISNER@health.ri.gov to ask that a form be mailed to you.
2. Mail completed enrollment form to:
RI Department of Health - RISNER
3 Capitol Hill - Lower Level
Providence, RI 02908

How it works

The information you share with the Registry is shared with state and local first responders, like your town or city emergency management, police, ambulance, and fire departments. The information in the Registry lets first responders better prepare for and respond to your needs during a hurricane, storm, or other emergency in your area.



How your information is used: Your information is shared with local and state first responders and emergency management officials. Your information is confidential; first responders only use it to help with your safety and well-being. Only certain first responders have permission to see your information.

Enrollment in the Registry does not guarantee help during an emergency.