

## 20 Questions To Ask People With Disabilities Before An Evacuation Occurs

- Do you have a bag or some type of container that you can use to bring your personal items?
- Do you have any medications you need to take with you?
- Do you use any special devices to help you hear or see that you need to take with you (like eyeglasses, magnifiers, hearing aids, cochlear implants, etc.)?
- Do you use any special devices to help you communicate that you need to take with you (like a communication board, etc.)?
- Do you use any special devices to help you eat or drink that you need to take with you (like a specially designed spoon, cup, etc.)?
- Are there any special food or beverage items you need to take with you to maintain your health?
- Do you use any special devices to help you dress or undress that you need to take with you?
- Do you use any special devices to help you get in or out of bed or transfer from one chair to another that you need to take with you (like a portable lift, etc.)?
- Do you use any special devices to help you bathe, shower, or wash up that you need to take with you (like a special toothbrush device, shower chair, etc.)?
- Do you use any special personal hygiene items that you need to take with you (like adult "attends", etc.)?
- Do you use any special devices to help you move around that you need to take with you (like a wheelchair, walker, canes, etc.)?

- Do you have extra batteries or a portable charger for the special devices you use that you can take with you (like an electric wheelchair charger, hearing aid batteries, etc.)?
- Do any of the special devices you use require protection from rain or snow? Is that protection available for you to take with you (like a waterproof carrying case, rain poncho, etc.)?
- Do you have an animal that helps you with daily living skills that you need to take with you? If so, what do you need to bring with you for the animal (leash, harness, medications, food, bedding, water and food bowl, veterinarian contact information, etc.)?
- Do you have pet that you need to take with you? If so, what do you need to bring with you for the pet (leash, harness, medications, food, bedding, water and food bowl, etc.)?
- Do you have clothing for at least three days that you can take with you?
- Do you have important documents you need to take with you (like insurance information, prescriptions, ATM and charge cards, information about special devices and vendors, household inventory lists, etc.)?
- Do you have contact information for family members, friends, personal assistants that can assist you in evacuating or whose support you might need should you have to go to a public shelter (like phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.)?
- Do you have contact information for your physicians, therapists, etc. that you can bring with you (like phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc.)?
- Do you have access to or require a special vehicle to evacuate (like a wheelchair accessible van, etc.)?