

Department of Justice

Guide for Local Governments

Emergency Planning for People with Disabilities

One of the most important roles of local government is to protect their citizenry from harm, including helping people prepare for and respond to emergencies. This newly released guide from the U.S. Department of Justice gives tips for local governments on making their emergency preparedness and response programs accessible to people with disabilities, as required under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The issues and action steps in this guide are useful not only for governments, but also for any entity that has an emergency plan.

[Read "An ADA Guide for Local Governments: Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities"](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm)
<<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm>>

Service Animal Emergency Preparedness:

[Protecting Your Service Dog in an Emergency](http://www.disabilitycentral.com/world/docs_dispatch/docs_dispatch_dc.htm)
<http://www.disabilitycentral.com/world/docs_dispatch/docs_dispatch_dc.htm>, from DisabilityCentral.com

Service dog and pet owners have become aware of the need to make arrangements for their pets as part of their household disaster plan. This article covers preparations and supplies to organize prior to emergencies, and advice to follow during and after emergencies.

[Is That Dog a Security Risk?](http://www.nod.org/content.cfm?id=1359) <<http://www.nod.org/content.cfm?id=1359>>

Educators Ed and Toni Eames, both frequent air travelers who use guide dogs, offer recommendations and successful examples for airport security protocol for service animals. The article emphasizes the need for consistent procedures well-documented among security personnel. The article also lists basic facts about types of assistance dogs, assistive equipment, and disabilities - information which could help security officers work with travelers with assistance dogs more effectively.

[Saving the Whole Family](http://www.avma.org/disaster/savingfamily.asp) <<http://www.avma.org/disaster/savingfamily.asp>>

People with disabilities who have service animals need to plan for animal safety as well. The American Veterinary Medical Association website provides excerpts from its publication, "Saving the Whole Family", a guide to emergency preparedness for animals. It covers contact lists, kits, supplies and records to prepare; and identification for doors, windows, and animal tags.

[Animal Disaster Preparedness](http://www.cyberpet.com/cyberdog/articles/general/artad1d.htm)

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This resource covers assembling emergency animal contacts, the availability of

community disaster assistance, evacuation planning, rescue and supply kit checklists, behavioral warning signs, and emergency preparedness training for animals.

[Tips for Service Animals and Pet Owners](#)

<http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/eqtanpet.html>

This checklist was developed by the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco, with support from the American Red Cross Northern California Disaster Preparedness Response Network. Originally designed for earthquake preparedness, it offers useful animal preparedness information for any kind of emergency.

[Disaster Preparedness for Animals in New York City](#)

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/pdf/pet_preparedness.pdf

This brochure, in PDF, explains how to prepare a pet survival kit, evacuation planning to include your pet, and some simple do's and don'ts.

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