

# CILs and Emergency Preparedness

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- Emergency Preparedness is the art of preparing for unknown events in order to provide safety for an unknown number of people in need of unknown resources under unknown circumstances for an unknown length of time
- The Boy Scouts just say “Be Prepared”

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- WHY ???
  - Disasters can and have struck at any time and are not respecters of persons
  - Florida has experienced many types of disasters
    - Hurricanes
    - Tornadoes
    - Floods
    - Lightning
    - Wildfire
    - Extreme temperatures
    - Man made

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- WHERE ???
  - Every area in Florida is a potential target for a disaster
  - The furthest point of land from an ocean is just over 60 miles
  - All disasters are local

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- WHEN ???
- Disasters have no calendar or time clock
  - Hurricane season is from June 1 – November 30
    - Earliest hurricane, March 6, 1908
    - Latest hurricane, December 30, 1954
  - Florida has 2 tornado seasons
    - Spring – February through April
    - Summer – June through September
      - Earliest tornado, January 3, 1994
      - Latest tornado, December 31, 1975

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - PLAN
  - PREPARE
  - PRACTICE
  - PARTICIPATE

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - PLAN
    - Help develop a personal plan. Every plan is unique.
    - Go to [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) , click on the Disaster Disability Information icon, click on Create a Disaster Plan
    - Use the plan created by Dr. John Trifiletti of the ILRC of NE Florida

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - PREPARE
    - Help make preparations to survive 7 to 10 days without utilities.
    - Make preparations for service animals and pets

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - PRACTICE
    - Encourage your consumers to practice their plan at least twice a year
      - Recommend on time-change weekends
      - Tabletop type exercise

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - ENCOURAGE YOUR CONSUMERS TO:
    - Participate in county/area wide emergency exercises
    - Participate in employer related exercises
    - Participate in planning process with your local emergency management office
    - Participate in governmental process such as statute development
    - Participate as a volunteer with Red Cross or other disaster related organizations

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Know what your sheltering options are
    - In place **ONLY** if safe to do so
    - With a friend or relative
    - Get out of harm's way
    - In a public shelter
      - Remember that shelters are H.S.N

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Be realistic
    - Being prepared increases the chance of survivability
      - First responders will not be able to assist when winds speeds get above 40 mph
      - Your consumers may have to wait for assistance based on the type and extent of disaster
    - Stress that all consumers can have some level of preparation
      - Even if it is very basic. The better prepared they are, the less stress they will have

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Be prepared yourself
    - Lead by example
      - Don't fall into the "Do as I say not as I do" trap
      - Practice the 4 P's
        - » Plan
        - » Prepare
        - » Practice
        - » participate

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Know the legal basis
    - Explain rights and responsibilities

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Know the legal basis
    - Americans with Disabilities Act
      - NOT Equal Opportunity Law or Affirmative Action program
      - It is a Civil Rights Law
    - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
    - Florida statute 553.501 – 553.513 – Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act
    - Florida statute 252.31 – 252.63 – State Emergency Management Act
    - Florida statute 413.08 - Rights of an individual with a disability; use of a service animal; discrimination in public employment or housing accommodations; penalties
    - Florida Building Code – Chapter 11 Accessibility

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Know the legal basis
    - Rights include (but are not limited to)
      - Physically accessible shelters
      - Appropriate sleeping accommodations
        - » Universal cots – NOT Ritz Hotel type accommodations
      - Effective communication
      - Reasonable policy modification
      - Prescription refills
        - » If a hurricane warning has been issued by the National Weather Service for your county
        - » If the Governor has declared a state of emergency
        - » If your county's emergency plan has been activated
      - Transfer assistance in a shelter

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- HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???
  - Know the legal basis
    - Responsibilities include (but are not limited to)
      - Register on your county's Special Needs Registry
        - » Not required but is a good idea
      - Create a “go kit”
        - » Your own prescription medications
          - In original bottle
          - Accompanied with prescription write up
          - Other necessary and comfort related items
      - Disability related items
        - » Extra batteries for power equipment
        - » Tire repair kit
      - Names and contact info of service providers

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- **HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???**
- [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) (Florida Division of Emergency Management)
- [Accessibility of Emergency Video Programming Factsheet](#) (Federal Communications Commission)
- [Accessibility of Programming Providing Emergency Information](#) (Federal Communications Commission)
- [Accessible Emergency Notification and Communication: State of the Science Conference](#) (RERC on Telecommunications Access)
- [Accommodating People With Disabilities In Disasters: A Reference Guide To Federal Law](#) (FEMA)
- [ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments: Emergency Management](#) (Department of Justice); related documents: [Emergency Management Checklist](#); [The ADA and Emergency Shelters: Access for All in Emergencies and Disasters](#); and [ADA Checklist for Emergency Shelters](#)
- [Disability and Emergency Preparedness Resources](#) (NOD)
- [Disability Resource Center](#) (ICC on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities\_
- [Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities](#) (American Red Cross) [[PDF](#)]
- [Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities](#) (June Isaacson Kailes, Disability Policy Consultant)
- [Disability Preparedness Resource Center](#) (Interagency Coordinating Council)
- [Disaster Mitigation for Persons with Disabilities](#)

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- **HOW CAN YOU ASSIST YOUR CONSUMERS ???**
- [Effective Emergency Preparedness Planning: Addressing the Needs of Employees with Disabilities](#) (DOL)
- [Emergency Power Planning for People Who Use Electricity and Battery Dependent Assistive Technology and Medical Devices](#) [Word document] (June Kailes)
- [Emergency Preparedness Initiative](#) (NOD)
- [Emergency Preparedness Resources](#) (DisabilityInfo.gov)
- [The Impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on People with Disabilities: A Look Back and Remaining Challenges](#) (National Council on Disability)
- [Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities](#) (DOJ)
- [Prepare Yourself: Disaster Readiness Tips for People with Disabilities](#) (NOD)
- [Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs](#) (FEMA) [PDF]
- [Preparing the Workplace for Everyone: Accounting for the Needs of People with Disabilities](#) (DOL)
- [Rebuilding Accessible Communities](#) (ADA Technical Assistance Centers and the Access Board)
- [Saving Lives: Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning](#) (National Council on Disability)