

Steps to Preparedness

Get Informed: Call your local sheriff department and ask where the nearest shelter is located in the event of an emergency. Be aware of radio stations (162.4, 162.425, and 162.5 MHz), which will provide important updates.

Make a Plan: Keep support items like wheelchairs & walkers in a designated place, so they can be found quickly. For those who have home-health caregivers, especially those who are bed-bound, it is essential to have an alternate plan if the home-health caregiver cannot make it to you. Develop a plan that includes an alternate power source for equipment and relocating the person. Test your smoke detector, and other alarms every six months to ensure they work.

Build a Kit: Using the checklist below as a guide, build a kit of disaster supplies, and consider keeping one in the home, and one in the car. Review it every six months, and replace any perishable items as necessary.

Survival Kit Checklist

- Water (One Gallon / Person / Day)
- Food (Non-Perishable)
- Flashlight First-Aid Kit
- Battery or Hand-Crank Radio
- Medications / Medical Supplies
- Multiuse Tool (Swiss Army Knife)
- Sanitation / Personal Hygiene Items
- Important Documentation
- Cell Phone with Charger
- Emergency Contact Information
- Extra Cash Maps of the Area
- Emergency Blanket
- Extra Set of Keys for House / Car
- Manual Can Opener

Emergency Contacts - 911

Agency	Phone Number
National Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Drugs and Alcohol Treatment Referral	(800) 662-4357
HIV/AIDS	(800) 232-4636
National Child Abuse Hotline	(800) 422-4453
Domestic Violence	(800) 799-7233
National Sexual Assault Hotline	(800) 656-4673
American Red Cross	(800) 733-2767
Poison Control Center	(800) 222-1222

Important Local Information

Local Fire: _____
 Local Police: _____
 Local Doctor: _____
 Local Hospital: _____
 Local Pharmacy: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____

 Meeting Place: _____

Jo Daviess County Health Department

Emergency Preparedness Program
for People with Functional Needs



For more information contact:

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Mission Statement

To assure that all residents of Jo Daviess County who have functional needs receive appropriate and timely services sufficient to meet intermediate health needs during an emergency.

Introduction

In the event of an emergency we are currently seeking additional information from persons with functional needs in order to send help. This information will be used only to direct emergency personnel to you if there is an emergency in your area. This program is completely voluntary and any information you provide will be strictly confidential.

When Will I Be Contacted?

After successfully completing the functional needs registration process, you will be contacted in the event of an emergency. At this time you should activate your family disaster plan.

Prepare a Family Disaster Plan

When a disaster strikes, there may not be much time to act. Preparing now for an emergency will give you and your family time to enact a safe and well thought-out plan.

For residents with functional needs, a family disaster plan should include where you plan to shelter during a disaster. A plan of action for you and your family can go a long way toward reducing potential suffering from any type of disaster that could strike. If you must evacuate it's always best to take your pets with you.

What are Functional Needs?

Persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental, cognitive impairment, or sensory disabilities that restrict independent functioning.

Elderly with functional disabilities, whether at home or in congregate health care facilities.

People receiving medical management for chronic conditions, People with limited English proficiency

Other vulnerable populations, e.g., homeless, children, people with serious mental illness, minority groups.

Each local emergency management agency in the state maintains a registry of persons with functional needs.

Why Should You Register?

During a disaster such as a flood or tornado, emergency preparedness officials need to be aware of individuals with functional needs to plan accordingly and have the ability to check on their condition.

How do I register?

To receive a functional needs application, call the Jo Daviess County Health Department at (815) 777-0263.

Mail the completed application to:
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