

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES

Communication

- Determine how you will communicate with emergency personnel if you do not have your communication devices (augmentative communication device, word board, artificial larynx, etc.).



Communication Aids

Store paper, writing materials, copies of a word or letter board and pre-printed key phrases specific to anticipated emergencies in all your emergency kits, your wallet, purse, etc.

Emergency Health Card

Make sure your emergency health information card explains the best method of communication for you (written notes, pointing to letters/words/pictures, finding a quiet place).

Checklist

- Determine your ideal method of communication in the event of an emergency and be prepared to use it.
- Store Communication aids in all of your emergency kits.
- Make an emergency health card and be sure to include your communication needs.
- Store batteries or chargers for communication equipment.



Alternate Power Source

Obtain an alternative power source (power converter, batteries) if you use a computer or laptop as a means of frequent communication.