Disaster Do’s and Don’ts Checklist

- Do get involved at work, housing unit & in public disaster planning.
- Don’t wait until a disaster, and people with disabilities are left behind.
- Do prepare at home and expand preparedness to public settings.
- Don’t assume evacuation plans exist for persons with disabilities.
- Do form an ‘Accessibility Committee’ at work and other public places.
- Don’t assume you’ll be evacuating with everyone else.
- Do explore evacuation options with emergency managers & others.
- Don’t overlook alternatives, such as evacuation chairs.
- Do share the plan with all those in the building and then practice it.
- Don’t wait until the disaster to raise awareness on disability issues.
- Do learn about disasters and disabilities and share that knowledge.
- Don’t forget to check shelter accessibility & service animal provisions.
- Do talk to local emergency managers and Red Cross about ADA.
- Don’t wait to train and educate others about the plan procedures.
- Do initiate talking to emergency managers, responders, and Red Cross.
- Don’t forget to develop a network of supporters who can assist you.
- Do get involved so that “Nobody Is Left Behind”.

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