



## City of Angleton Office of Emergency Management

### Preparedness Guide for Persons with Medical, Access, or Functional Needs

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Emergencies can create unique challenges for individuals with disabilities, medical needs, or access and functional needs. This includes people who have mobility limitations, sensory impairments, cognitive disabilities, or medical conditions requiring assistance. Planning ahead ensures safety, independence, and dignity before, during, and after a disaster.

#### Before a Disaster

- Create a personal support network of family or friends to help during an emergency.
- Develop a personal emergency plan outlining how you will communicate and evacuate.
- Keep assistive devices, mobility aids, and medications organized and easy to transport.
- Label wheelchairs, canes, walkers, and medical supplies with your name and contact info.
- Store extra batteries or power cords for all devices.
- Prepare a go-bag with supplies, identification, and important medical documentation.
- Register with STEAR. (See below.)
- Keep a written list of medications, allergies, and contacts in your wallet or go-kit.

#### During a Disaster

- Follow official instructions from the City of Angleton Office of Emergency Management.
- Communicate your needs clearly to responders and shelter staff.
- Keep your mobility aids, service animals, and communication tools with you at all times.
- Use your personal support network to check in or assist with evacuation.

#### After a Disaster

- Inspect all assistive equipment and devices for damage before use.
- Document damage and contact your insurance provider for assistance.
- Reach out to your support network and confirm everyone's safety.
- Contact your healthcare provider if medical support was interrupted.

#### Resources

- City of Angleton Office of Emergency Management: [OEM@angleton.tx.us](mailto:OEM@angleton.tx.us)
- Angleton Emergency Alerts: [www.angleton.tx.us](http://www.angleton.tx.us)
- STEAR – State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry: [www.stear.texas.gov](http://www.stear.texas.gov)