

Create A Plan Today!

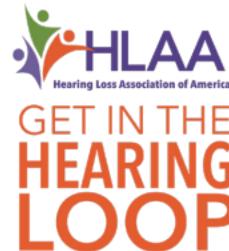


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Do You Have an Emergency
Preparedness Plan?

ATTENTION

Emergency Planning



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GET ORGANIZED NOW!

Why Plan?

Those with hearing loss can be at a great disadvantage in an emergency if they do not plan appropriately.

Extra effort is needed to assure critical communications are understood.

Missing, damaged or not powered hearing devices will interfere with effective emergency communications.

Take Action Now:

1. Learn how **local emergency alerts** (EAS) are communicated in your town in a form that you understand.
2. **Notify Fire/Police of your hearing loss** so first responders are aware.
3. Store emergency contacts in your phone.
4. **Read FEMA emergency preparedness guidelines** (below)
5. Leverage FEMA emergency prep checklist to create an **emergency kit**.
6. **Include all critical assistive technology** – and backup devices – **and dual battery power sources**.
7. Store your emergency kit in an **accessible location**.

CHECKLIST

Support Network

Make an emergency contact list; store it on your phone and make a paper copy.

- In-case-of-emergency contact (ICE)
- Local emergency Teams: CERT
- Fire Department
- Register for Reverse 911
- Register for SMART 911
- Include an out of state person on list

Hearing Aids, CI's, Other Aids

Log model/serial number(s) on your phone and in paper form in your emergency kit.

- Primary aids; backup devices
- Backup cell phone; caption enabled.
- No-internet caption device (Blu)

Batteries

Store extra batteries; test for full charge.

- Zinc air
- Rechargeable batteries
- Solar battery charger
- Car Charger

Alerting Devices

Install audible, visual & vibration smoke and CO2 alarms.

- Vibrating alert is best for sleep hours.
- Purchase a Travel device; many hotels do not have alerting devices for HOH/Deaf.

Warning Systems

- Buy a NOAA weather Radio/All Hazard Alert Radio

Desired features: text message, strobe light, auditory signal, bed shaker

(Available at Diglo.com)

- Learn about your Local Emergency Alert System (EAS)

TV stations are mandated to display emergency broadcasts with captions.

Communication Tools

- Pen and Paper
- Emergency communication cards (i.e., visor cards)
- Face me button
- ASL Card