Help Us

Help You

Registering on the LaSalle County Functional & Access Needs Database will only take a few minutes. Once registered, a member of our office will contact you to obtain some additional information.

All information is kept in a secured location and will be kept confidential.

Register Today!

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Click on the Services tab

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If you had to evacuate your home, would you:

- Require transportation assistance
- Require ongoing medical assistance or the use of an assistive device
- Require a translator or some other means to effectively communicate
- Require assistance to maintain your independence

If the answer to any of the above is "yes," then please consider registering on the Functional & Access Needs Database.

LaSalle County Functional & Access Needs Database

**Empowered Citizens
Equals
Resilient Communities**

Due to the possibility that many residents of LaSalle County could be left homeless and/or require assistance with maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision or medical care in the aftermath of a major disaster, it is found to be necessary that a plan be established to address these functional needs.

Post disaster, emergency services may be stretched beyond their capabilities. Because of this, it is important that everyone prepare to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 3 days.

Residents with functional and access needs are also encouraged to confidentially register with the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency's Functional & Access Needs Database.

Be Informed

Make a Plan

Build a Kit

If you have a disability or an access and functional need, you may need to take additional steps to prepare for emergencies.

Stock a basic disaster supply kit.

Inventory what you use every day to live independently. Identify the essential things that you will need to be able to survive for 3 to 5 days or longer, if people cannot get to you.

Stock these custom essentials in your kit. For example, your kit may contain items such as durable medical equipment, assistive technology, food for special diets, prescription medicines, diabetic supplies, hearing aids and batteries, a TTY, manual wheelchair, and supplies for a service animal.

One of the biggest challenges to your safety and access to information is loss of electrical power. You should plan alternate ways to charge your communication and assistive technology devices before disaster strikes.

FUNCTIONAL & ACCESS NEEDS

Transportation: Either you don't have or don't have access to

Medical: conditions that require ongoing medical professional assistance or assistive devices

Supervision: assistance with maintaining your ability to be independent

Communication: English is not your primary language and you need a language translator(s)

Independence: Children who are too young to care for themselves and Older Adults who need assistance with their activities of daily living

Sample Disaster Supply Kit