

Tips for the Hearing Impaired

This informational form is designed to provide an activities checklist for those who are deaf or hard of hearing in order to improve their personal emergency preparedness in a disaster or emergency. Preparation for disasters takes time and effort. If needed, do a little at a time or as your energy and budget permits. The important thing is to start preparing yourself now. The more prepared you are, the more confident you will be that you can protect yourself and your loved ones in times of emergency situations.

Date Completed	Activity	Preparedness Details
/ /	Batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Store extra batteries for hearing aids and implants. ▪ If available, store an extra hearing aid with emergency supplies. ▪ Maintain TTY batteries, if possible. ▪ Store extra batteries for your light phone signaler.
	Hearing Aids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Store hearing aids in a secure, convenient location so they can easily be found during an emergency. ▪ Missing or damaged hearing aids will be difficult to replace or repair right when a disaster or emergency situation happens. ▪ Install both audible and visual smoke alarms.
	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determine how you will communicate with emergency personnel if there is no interpreter or hearing aid available. Store paper and pens. ▪ Carry a pre-printed copy of key safety phrases with you. ▪ If possible, obtain a battery operated television with a decoder chip for access to signed or captioned emergency reports.