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MSCOD

Minnesota State Council
On Disability

Your Technical Assistance
and Training Resource

Emergency
Preparedness:
Focus on
Disability.

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“Strengthen emergency
preparedness with
respect to individuals
with disabilities.”

Executive Order of the President
United States of America
26 July 2004



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RESOURCES

Preparing for emergencies takes planning. MSCOD brings a disability-focused planning approach to emergency management.

From public policy development and advocacy to professional and consumer education, to disability data for counties and municipalities, MSCOD offers you comprehensive resources for emergency preparedness planning.

We provide individuals, organizations and lawmakers with the technical assistance needed to develop sound emergency management policy for people with disabilities.

MSCOD is your comprehensive technical assistance and training resource for disability-focused emergency management, planning and preparedness.

The PLAN

Please contact us for comprehensive resources on a disability-focused approach to Emergency Preparedness. We provide information and assistance for persons with disabilities, employers, and those responsible for emergency preparedness in organizations.

We offer practical guidance for your planning process, including Communications, "Go and Stay" plans for people with disabilities, as well as details on building a disability-focused Emergency Kit.

Our comprehensive resources and technical consulting will help you optimize and streamline your planning process.

Because the more you know,
the better your plan.



Photo by Mark LaCroix

Real Life



"I use a wheelchair and I work on the 4th floor of an office building. I talked with my employer for months about how I will get out of my floor

in an emergency, when the elevators are not available. We weren't able to come up with a suitable plan. When I attended MSCOD's Emergency Preparedness for Employees training, I was given the tools to pursue a low cost solution. Now I feel safe. Thank you for the peace of mind." DUANE

"As a County Emergency Manager I learned more about emergency preparedness for people with disabilities in MSCOD's training sessions than I did in 20 years of emergency management work! I've been looking for this kind of information for years. Thank you!" SHARON



"I'm blind and attended your Personal Responsibility Preparedness training THREE times! I learned something new specific to my personal emergency preparedness every time. Now I can be a resource within the blind community when it comes to emergency preparedness planning and issues." LOLLY

Being PREPARED

When a disaster occurs, life becomes stressed and difficult, and our professional and personal responsibilities may seem overwhelming. With the proper emergency plan, we can respond to our individual personal and professional needs quickly AND effectively.

MSCOD offers training programs for emergency preparedness and management planners, first responders, employers, community leaders, lawmakers, and persons with disabilities.

Our conferences, workshops, and materials, such as the Employers Emergency Preparedness Tool Kit and the Emergency Preparedness Personal Responsibility Guide are relevant, direct, and practical.

Call or email us today for help with developing your Personal AND Professional Emergency Preparedness Plan.

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MSCOD is a state agency that advises the governor, the state legislature, state agencies and the general public on public policy issues affecting persons with disabilities. We work to advance the rights of Minnesotans with disabilities.

“Our mission is to empower you, help you expand your opportunities, and improve your quality of life.”



Joan Willshire
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DEVELOPMENT

Public Policy

MSCOD partners with the MN Dept Public Safety/ Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the MN Board on Aging, the MN Dept of Health, and the UofM Institute for Community Integration, emergency response organizations and our other state disability agency partners to develop public policy standards for local and municipal emergency management plans that include a disability-focused approach.