

## WHAT IS THE ACCESS & FUNCTIONAL NEEDS REGISTRY?

The registry is a resource for residents who may need additional or special assistance to stay safe in an emergency event.

For example, if you are on oxygen, or have medical needs or a physical disability that would make it difficult to evacuate, this registry can help you make plans and connect you to resources to stay prepared and safe for any emergency.

Participation in the registry is completely voluntary. Your contact information is confidential and will **only** be used in the event of an emergency.

The registry is **not** intended for people who live in long term care, skilled care, or residential treatment facilities. These providers are required by law to have plans in place to take care of residents in the event of an emergency.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

In the event of an emergency, the Access & Functional Needs Registry acts as a valuable resource to help keep residents safe.

Approximately 72 to 36 hours before a hurricane or other disaster is expected in the area, registered individuals will be contacted to make sure emergency plans are in place, to assess any additional needs, and provide information from trusted, verified and vetted emergency officials.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

You can sign up for the registry:

- **In-person, or pick up copies at:**

New Hanover County  
Emergency Management  
230 Government Center Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

- **Online:**

[ReadyNHC.com](https://www.readynhc.com)



For questions or to get more information, call:  
**(910) 798-6900**



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## MAKE A PLAN

Work with your family and caretakers to create a detailed disaster plan that addresses your needs in times of emergency.

### Things to consider:

- Officials may call for voluntary or mandatory evacuations. Residents who require power are strongly encouraged to evacuate, as outages may last days during and after an emergency.
- Shelter for high-risk individuals is reserved, but is limited and cannot be guaranteed. An adult caregiver and three days worth of supplies are required.
- Limited transportation may be available to assist registered residents getting to and from a shelter.
- Service animals are allowed to stay with owners in shelters, but family pets may only stay at designated co-location shelters with owners.

# Register with us if you

## NEED ELECTRICITY FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



## NEED INFORMATION ON SHELTERS, EVACUATION OR PREPAREDNESS



## NEED ASSISTANCE ACCESSING MEDICATION DURING A DISASTER



## BUILD A KIT

Plan ahead for disasters as supplies and resources can be very limited during an emergency.

Always keep a basic emergency kit ready, with a 5-7 day supply of:

- Water - one gallon per person per day for several days
- Non-perishable foods, include any special dietary needs
- Toiletries and first aid items
- Medications and any special medical equipment
- Extra batteries for hearing aids and other medical devices
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

## STAY INFORMED

Know where to get accurate information, and follow directions of emergency officials to stay safe.

Check for emergency messages and updates on:

- EmergencyNHC.com, NHCtv.com and Spectrum channel 13
- Local radio & TV stations
- Social media
  - Follow @NewHanoverCo on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, NextDoor, and YouTube

Sign up for emergency news, local weather alerts and learn more about preparedness at **ReadyNHC.com**