

## Bridging the Gaps in Emergency Preparedness

The task of making sure everyone has emergency information readily available to them is a daunting task at best. What with the many different barriers such as language, sight and hearing, the job of distributing emergency preparedness information can be quite challenging. We all want access to the most clear and updated information no matter what the topic may be and knowing where to locate it is half the battle.

I have recently come across an Emergency Preparedness website for those with visual and hearing impairments. It is the Accessible Emergency Information website located at <http://www.accessibleemergencyinfo.com>.



Here's what you can find on this easy-to-use website:

### **ASL Videos (American Sign Language Videos)**

There are over 50 videos available on emergency preparedness, plus a link at the bottom to the Preparedness4Deaf videos channel on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Preparedness4Deaf>

### **Braille Formatted Downloadable Documents**

Topics include General Emergency Preparedness, Pandemic Flu, Medication Information, Anthrax, Botulism and more.

### **Large Print Downloadable Documents**

Topics covered are the same as the Braille topics.

**Other resources available on this website include:**

- PDF documents
- A collection of free resources
- H1N1 Information
- Easy sign up to receive updates via email.

**Other Links:**

*National Association of the Deaf – Resources for you and your community*  
<http://www.nad.org/issues/emergency-preparedness/resources>

*Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities*

*American Red Cross – Disaster Services:*

[http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/special\\_needs\\_ARC.htm](http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/special_needs_ARC.htm)

*As always, our hope here at the Kings County Office of Emergency Management is that you will use the information we provide for the betterment of you and your family. If you don't feel it pertains to you or anyone you know, passing along the information is a wonderful way of doing your part for Emergency Preparedness.*



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