Special Needs Populations
Planning Resources

"Coping with Disaster: Suggestions for Helping Children with Cognitive Disabilities"
US Dept of Health, Administration for Children and Families
www.acf.dhss.gov/programs/add/Sept11/addcoping.html

"Emergency Plans that Include Workers with Disabilities"
E-sight Careers Network
www.esight.org/View.cfm?x=364&ov_id=-1

"Fact Sheet on Obtaining and Using Employee Medical Information as Part of Emergency
Evacuation Procedures"
The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
http://eeoc.gov/facts/evacuation.html

"Employers Guide to Including Employees with Disabilities in Emergency Evacuation Plans"
Job Accommodation Network
www.jan.wvu.edu/media/emergency.html

"Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities"
Tapping Technology
www.mdtap.org/tt/2001.10/art_4.html

"Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities"
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
http://www2.ucsc.edu/ada/disasterprep.html

"Disaster Preparedness Additional Information on Equipment and Supplies"
United Cerebral Palsy National
http://www.ucp.org/ucp_channeldoc.cfm/1/11/11376/11376-11376/2903

"Disaster Mitigation for Persons with Disabilities"
The Center for an Accessible Society
http://www.accessiblesociety.org/topics/independentliving/disasterprep.htm

"Coping with Disaster: A second guide for parents and other caregivers of children with cognitive
disabilities"
Project Cope
http://www.nymc.edu/wihd/projectcope/pc/coping.html

"Special Populations Fire-Safe Checklist"
US Fire Administration
www.usfa.fema.gov

"Removing the Barriers"
US Fire Administration
www.usfa.fema.gov

"Tips for People with Special Needs and Concerns"
American Red Cross
www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/mobileprogs.html

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"Emergency Preparedness for Children with Special Health Care Needs"
American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org/advocacy/emergprep.htm

"The Program for Pediatric Preparedness at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore"
The Children's Health Fund
www.childrenshealthfund.org/pedprep.html

"Emergency Warnings: Notification of Deaf or Hard of Hearing People"
National Association of the Deaf
www.nad.org/infocenter/infotogo/legal/EmergencyNotification.html

"Sign Language for Emergency Situations"
American Red Cross
http://www.prepare.org/disabilities/signlanguage.pdf

"Helping Children to Cope with Disaster"
Project Cope
http://www.nymc.edu/wihd/projectcope/pc/coping.html

"Coping with Disaster: A Guide for Families and Others Who Support Adults with Cognitive Disabilities"
Project Cope
www.nymc.edu/wihd/projectcope/pc/adultguide1.html

Prepare.org
American Red Cross
Wonderful information on a variety of topics and can be accessed in several languages as well as in large print. Topics include:
"Using a Generator when Disaster Strikes"
www.prepare.org/basic/generators.htm
"Tips for People with Disabilities and Medical Concerns"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/medicaltips.htm
"Tips for People with Service Animals or Pets"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/animaltips.htm
"Tips for People with Mobility Concerns"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/mobilitytips.htm
"Tips for People with Life-Support Systems"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/lifesupporttips.htm
"Tips for People with Hearing Impairments"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/hearingtips.htm
"Tips for People with Environmental or Chemical Sensitivities"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/chemicaltips.htm
"Tips for People with Visual Disabilities"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/visualtips.htm
"Tips for People with Psychiatric Disabilities"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/psychiatrictips.htm
"Tips for People with Cognitive Disabilities"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/cognitivetips.htm
"Tips for People with Communication Disabilities"
www.prepare.org/disabilities/communicatetips.htm

"Emergency Procedures for Employees with Disabilities in Office Occupancies"
FEMA and US Fire Administration
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-154.pdf   in English
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-154s.pdf   in Spanish

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Disabled People and Disaster Planning
"Shelter Managers Should Know. . ."
www.citycent.com/dp2/shelmngr.htm
"Training Rescue Workers"
www.citycent.com/dp2/rescue.htm
"Evacuating Wheelchair Users"
www.citycent.com/dp2/wheelchair.htm
"Communications After a Disaster"
www.citycent.com/dp2/communications.htm
"Managing Shelters"
www.citycent.com/dp2/shelters.htm
"Points of Service (food, water, financial aid, etc.)"
www.citycent.com/dp2/service.htm

"Assisting People with Disabilities in a Disaster"
FEMA
www.fema.gov/rrr/assistf.shtm

"Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities"
FEMA
www.fema.gov/library/disprepf.shtm

"Guide on the Special Needs of People with Disabilities (for Emergency Managers, Planners and Responders)"
Emergency Preparedness Initiative
http://www.nod.org/content.cfm?id=1267

"Emergency Evacuation Preparedness: Taking Responsibility for Your Safety"
Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions
http://www.cdihp.org/evacuationpdf.htm

"Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities"
American Red Cross
http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/disability.pdf

"Practical Information on Crisis Planning: A Guide for Schools and Communities"
US Dept of Education
http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/crisisplanning.pdf
Many more school preparedness and safety documents on their website at:
www.ed.gov/emergencyplan

"Head Start Disaster Preparedness Workbook"
UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters
http://www.cphd.ucla.edu/headstart.html