Special Needs Registry

Many people may need extra help during a time of emergency, including people who:

- Use life support systems such as oxygen, respirator, ventilator, dialysis, pacemaker, or are insulin dependent;
- Have mobility disabilities and use a wheelchair, scooter, walker, cane, or other mobility device;
- Are visually impaired, blind, hard of hearing, or deaf;
- Have speech, cognitive, developmental or mental health disabilities; or
- Use assistive animals or a prosthesis.
  - Any medical condition you feel may require specialized care during an emergency i.e LVAD, adrenal insufficiency

The information submitted to the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry is shared with local and state first responders and emergency management officials. Your information is held confidentially and only accessed to assist in your safety and well-being. Only those that have a reason to access the information are authorized to do so.

To enroll in the Special Needs Registry, click on the link below.

http://www.health.ri.gov/emergency/about/specialneedsregistry/

Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry

For Rhode Islanders with disabilities, chronic conditions, and special healthcare needs

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) maintain a registry for Rhode Island residents with disabilities, chronic conditions, and/or special healthcare needs who live at home or in group homes. Residents of assisted living residences and nursing homes already have staff to assist first responders. By participating in the Registry, you permit RIDOH and RIEMA to share your information with local and state emergency responders, such as your town/city police and/or fire department. The information that you provide may help responders meet your needs during an emergency, though assistance cannot be guaranteed.

Instructions: To be included in the Registry, please fill out this form, sign it, and send it to:

RIDOH - RISNER, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 OR register online at www.health.ri.gov/emregistry

If you have questions, please call **(401) 222-5960 or RI Relay 711 (TTY)**. If you cannot fill out this form on your own, please have a family member, caregiver, or other representative complete the form and submit it on your behalf.

GENERAL INFORMATION Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory. Please print clearly.

Name*: ______ First Name ______ Middle Name ______ Last Name

Gender*: ☐ M ☐ F

Date of birth*: ______ (MM/DD/YYYY)

PHYSICAL STREET ADDRESS

Street address*: ______ Apartment unit/floor: ______

City/town*: ______ ZIP code: ______

MAILING ADDRESS AS RECOGNIZED BY THE US POSTAL SERVICE (if different from physical street address)

Street address: ______ Apartment/unit: ______

City/town: ______ State: ______ ZIP code: ______

CONTACT INFORMATION (* A phone number is required)

Home phone: ( ) - Text only number: ( ) -

Cell phone: ( ) - Videophone number: ( ) -

Email: ______ TTY: ( ) -

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: ______ Relationship: ______

Phone: ( ) - Email: ______

LIVING SITUATION

I live in Rhode Island (check all that apply to you):

☐ Seasonally from: ______(month) to: ______(month)
☐ Year-round
☐ Split my time between multiple Rhode Island addresses

I live in (select one type of housing):

☐ Single family house
☐ Apartment ____floor
☐ Condo/duplex/townhouse
☐ Mobile home
☐ Other: ______

I live (check all that apply to you):

☐ Alone
☐ With family/friends
☐ With caregiver
☐ In a group home operated by ______
☐ In an independent senior living facility
☐ With other people who are disabled
☐ Other: ______

LANGUAGE

I prefer to communicate in (select one):

☐ English
☐ American Sign Language
☐ Spanish
☐ Portuguese
☐ French
☐ Other: ______

ETHNICITY

Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

RACE Select one:

☐ White
☐ African American/Black
☐ Asian
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native
☐ Other: ______

LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS Check all that apply to you:

☐ Oxygen tanks
  ☐ I have spare tanks
☐ Oxygen concentrator
  ☐ I have battery or generator back up for this
☐ Respirator/ventilator
  ☐ I have battery or generator back up for this
☐ Tracheostomy
☐ IV line
☐ Urinary catheters
☐ Colostomy/ileostomy
☐ Feeding tube
☐ Suction
  ☐ I have battery or generator back up for this
☐ Dialysis at a clinic
☐ Dialysis at home
  ☐ I have battery or generator back up for this
☐ Pacemaker
☐ Defibrillator
☐ Other electrical needs: ____________
☐ None of the above

SENSORY Check all that apply to you:

☐ Hard of hearing
☐ Use of hearing aid(s)
☐ Deaf
☐ Use of cochlear implant(s)
☐ Visually impaired
☐ Legally blind
☐ None of the above

COGNITIVE/PSYCHIATRIC/ NEUROLOGICAL/ MUSCULAR Check all that apply to you:

☐ Seizure disorder
☐ Speech impaired
☐ Non-verbal
☐ Cognitively/ developmentally delayed
☐ Autism spectrum disorder
☐ Alzheimer's/dementia
☐ Parkinson's
☐ Cerebral palsy
☐ Multiple sclerosis
☐ Depression
☐ Anxiety
☐ Bipolar disorder
☐ Schizophrenia
☐ Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
☐ Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)
☐ Other: ____________
☐ None of the above

MOBILITY Check all that apply to you:

☐ Use a wheelchair/mobility vehicle
  ☐ Wheelchair/mobility vehicle is power dependent
    ☐ I have battery or generator back up for this
☐ Use a walker/cane
☐ Use crutches
☐ Use prosthesis (specify prosthesis): ____________
☐ Confined to a bed
  ☐ Bed is power dependent
    ☐ I have battery or generator back up for this
☐ Other: ____________
☐ None of the above

TRANSPORTATION Check all that apply to you:

When I leave my home, I most frequently use a(n):

☐ Personal vehicle
☐ Taxi/car service
☐ Public bus
☐ RIDE
☐ Wheelchair van/bus
☐ Ambulance
☐ Bicycle
☐ Other: ____________

If I needed to evacuate, I would be accompanied by:

☐ No one
☐ Caregiver
☐ Family/friend
☐ Other: ____________

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED Check all that apply to you:

On a normal day, I require assistance with:

☐ Feeding myself
☐ Taking medication(s)
☐ Communicating to others
  ☐ Assistive technology - I use: ____________
☐ Transportation
☐ Using the toilet
☐ Dressing/undressing
☐ Bathing/grooming
☐ Transferring from/to: ☐ Bed ☐ Toilet ☐ Wheelchair ☐ Shower/tub

Other assistance:

☐ I use a service animal
☐ I require supervision
☐ I receive medical treatment(s) from a nurse/doctor at home.
☐ I receive medical treatment(s) at a healthcare facility at least once a week.
☐ Other: ____________
☐ None of the above

OTHER DISABILITIES/CONDITIONS

☐ Diabetes
  ☐ I use insulin
☐ I weigh between 300 and 549 lbs
☐ I weigh between 550 and 799 lbs
☐ I weigh 800 lbs or greater

Please list other disabilities or relevant conditions:

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NOTE: By signing this form, I agree to permit my information to be shared with local and state emergency responders. I understand that this is a voluntary program and while RIDOH/RIEMA will share this information in order to better assist me during an emergency, they cannot guarantee assistance in all cases.

Signature: ____________

Print name: ____________

Date: ____________

If you are completing this form on someone's behalf, please indicate your name and relationship to that individual:

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