



**SPECIAL
NEEDS
POPULATION**

Helping Us to Help You!

**Village of Shorewood
Shorewood Police Department
Newsletter Announcement**

Special Needs Population

Register Today!

In an effort to better serve the needs of all county residents, Will County Emergency Management Agency has been working to develop a Special Needs Registry program. As a pre-planning tool, the Special Needs Registry should be considered strongly for all people who have special medical needs or physical disabilities that would make it difficult for them during emergencies.

This registry will allow residents an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies so that municipalities and the County may endeavor to meet the distinctive needs of these citizens. If there is a disaster, response agencies will be able to communicate to registrants important information about emergency preparedness, response, and recovery resources. Participation in this registry is voluntary.

Who Should Register?

A person or persons who may have additional needs before, during, and after an incident in one or more of the following areas:

- Who have a Disability
- Who live in Institutionalized Settings
- Who are Elderly
- Who are Children
- Who are from Diverse Cultures
- Who have limited English Proficiency
- Who are Non-English Speaking
- Who are Transportation Disadvantaged

Why Register?

- To ensure you will be located by first responders as quickly as possible if you have no other assistance

- To be notified evacuation orders
- It may save your life!

How to Prepare?

- Create an emergency plan
- Develop a network of assistance
- Complete the Special Needs Registry application – online or mail
- Keep your registry up to date
- Put together an emergency kit
- Complete a File of Life

File of Life

It is important to complete a File of Life as it contains your medical information. This information fits into a magnetic pouch that hangs on the side of your refrigerator. Should you need emergency medical services/ambulance to your home, a sticker posted on your front door lets paramedics know to go to your refrigerator to copy down information they need to relay to the hospital.

Should you need to evacuate during an incident, be sure to take your File of Life with you.

What Should Registrants Expect?

Because resources to assist the general public may be limited in an emergency, Registrants need to create their own emergency plan to be prepared for an emergency. Create a network of family, friends, or neighbors who will assist you during an emergency. Public shelters will only be equipped to provide basic care and assistance; thus, prepare an emergency kit with your medication, special food, and other items essential to your needs.

Special Needs Registry Link For Your Website! www.vil.shorewood.il.us