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Tennessee Emergency Management Agency

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Emergency Go-Kit Distribution for Tennesseans with Disabilities

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – This National Preparedness Month, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) will provide 300 Emergency Go-Kits to Tennesseans who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, and have low vision.

This initiative underscores Tennessee's commitment to ensuring that all Tennesseans have the tools and resources necessary to stay safe and informed during emergencies and disasters. While we recognize the kits do not include all the items we encourage Tennesseans to have in an emergency go-kit, we believe this is a great start for our deaf, hard of hearing, blind, and low vision community members.

Each kit will include a:

- Midland Weather Radio
- Midland SBNDL Bundle Kit
- Family First Aid Kit
- Items list provided in Braille

Emergency Go-Kit Distribution: The go-kits will be available at 10 TDHS Vocational Rehabilitation locations on a first-come, first-served basis. The free go-kits will be available until supplies last and distribution will be limited to one requested go-kit per individual or caregiver household.

National Preparedness Month, spearheaded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is recognized every September. The month serves as a reminder that a disaster can strike at any time. TEMA encourages all individuals and communities to take proactive steps in readiness planning. More information on how to prepare for can be found at www.tn.gov/tema/prepare with resources such as a [family communication plan template](#) and a [basic emergency supplies checklist](#).

Emergency Go-Kit Distributions Locations

Center	Address
BridgesWEST	2655 Union Avenue Ext. Memphis, TN 38112 P: 901-701-6800 (voice) / 901-612-3416 (VP)
Jackson Center for Independent Living	23 Federal Drive Jackson, TN 38305 P: 731-668-2211 (voice) / 731-256-7026 (VP)
BridgesTN	935 Edgehill Avenue Nashville, TN 37203 P: 615-248-8828 (voice) / 615-290-5147 (VP)
Partnership Deaf Services	5600 Brainerd Road Suite E-1 / Eastgate Towne Center Chattanooga, TN 37411 P: 423-697-3842 (voice) / 423-208-9801 (VP)
disABILITY Resource Center	9111 Cross Park Drive Suite E 135 Knoxville, TN 37923 P: 865-637-3666
Jackson Vocational Rehabilitation Office (Region 8)	Lowell Thomas State Office Building 225 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard 2 nd Floor/Room200/Box 15 Jackson, TN 38301 P: 1-833-772-TDHS (8347)
Knoxville Vocational Rehabilitation Office (Region 10 & 11)	The Langley Building 520 West Summit Hill Drive Suite 301 Knoxville, TN 37902 P: 1-833-772-TDHS (8347)
TDHS Family Assistance (Kingsport VR)	727 N. Eastman Road Kingsport, TN 37664 P: 432-224-1900
Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (Bradley Co)	3069 Overlook Drive Suite B Cleveland, TN 37312 P: 1-833-772-TDHS (8347)
VisionLink Solutions	1101 Kermit Drive Suite 700 Nashville, TN 37217 P: 615-266-4030

Kits will be available for pick-up during the location's regular hours of operation. Please contact the location directly for any questions.

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About The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS): The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) consists of multiple divisions with a unified mission to strengthen Tennessee by strengthening Tennesseans. Led by governor-appointed Commissioner Clarence H. Carter, TDHS is an organization committed to connecting people to resources that help individuals, families and communities thrive towards long-term economic freedom and prosperity. For more information, including programs and services designed for Tennesseans with disabilities please visit: [Tennessee Department of Human Services](#).