

How to Use Disability.gov – Search Examples

Disability.gov offers two ways to search for information: 1.) the “Search Box,” located at the top of the home page, and 2.) the “Information by Topic” menu, located on the left side of the home page. The scenarios below provide examples of how to use both search tools to find the information you are looking for on Disability.gov.

Emergency Preparedness topics covered on the site include:

- *Emergency Preparedness Guides & Supplies;*
- *Safety Tips for People with Disabilities;*
- *Including People with Disabilities when Planning for Emergencies;*
- *First Responder Resources;*
- *Making Emergency Services & Facilities Accessible; and*
- *Recovery from a Disaster or Emergency.*

Scenario #1

I am a person with a disability, and I want to use the **Search Box** to find emergency preparedness resources in Pennsylvania.

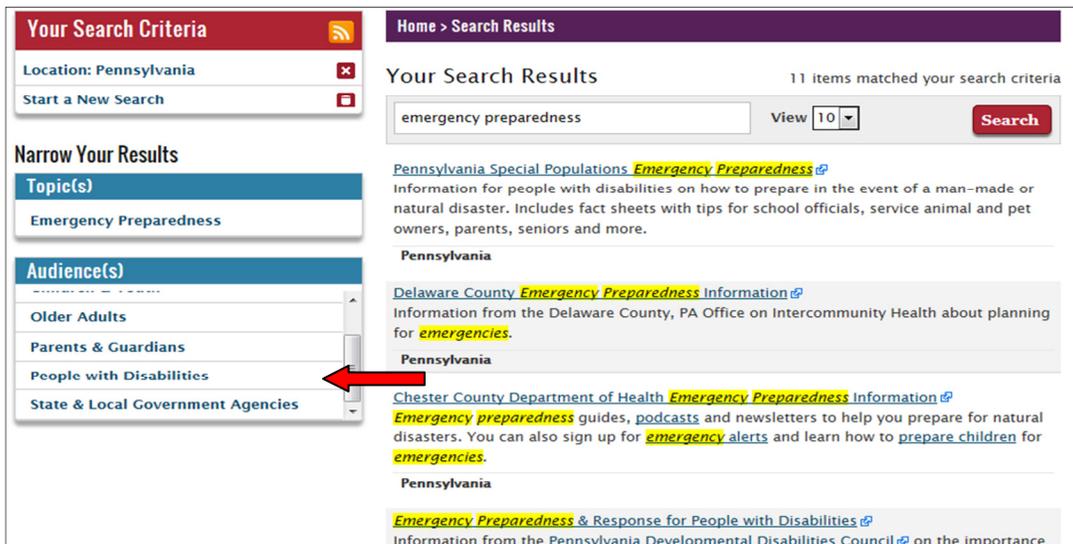
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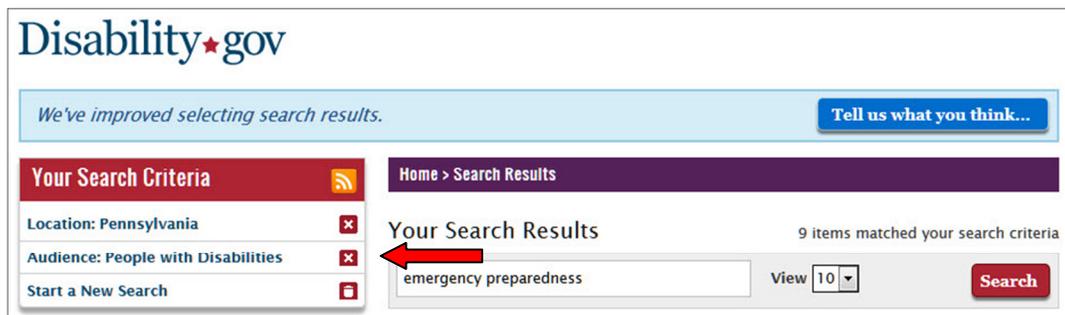
Step 2: Type a word or phrase, such as emergency preparedness in PA, into the Search Box, located at the top of the home page. Then, click the Search button, located to the right of the Search Box.



Step 3: To narrow your results, select “People with Disabilities” under “Audience(s)” on the left side of the page.



Note: Your search criteria will appear on the top, left side of the page. You can remove your choices, such as people with disabilities, by selecting the red “X.” This will return your search result to what they were before you narrowed them.



Scenario #2

I am a first responder, and I want to use the **Information by Topic** menu to find both state and national resources related to emergency response and people with disabilities.

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Step 2: Select "Emergency Preparedness" from the "Information by Topic" menu, located on the left side of the home page.



This image is a close-up of the "Information by Topic" menu. The menu is a vertical list of items, each preceded by a blue star icon. The items are: Benefits, Civil Rights, Community Life, Education, Emergency Preparedness, Employment, Health, Housing, Technology, and Transportation. A red arrow points to the "Emergency Preparedness" item.

Step 3: Select the box that says, “Search Both National & State”

The screenshot shows the Disability.gov website interface. At the top, the logo "Disability.gov" is displayed. Below it, a light blue banner reads "We've enhanced choosing resources by location." A dark purple navigation bar contains the text "Home > Emergency Preparedness". The main heading is "Find Information on Emergency Preparedness", with a magnifying glass icon over the word "Emergency". Below this heading are three light blue buttons: "SEARCH BOTH NATIONAL & STATE" (with a downward arrow icon), "SEARCH STATE RESOURCES ONLY" (with a magnifying glass icon), and "SEARCH NATIONAL RESOURCES ONLY".

Step 4: Select “Pennsylvania” from either the map on the page or the drop down “Select State” menu.

The screenshot shows a state selection interface. At the top, the text "Select a state from the map or the list below." is displayed. Below this is a map of the United States with state abbreviations. A red arrow points to the state of Pennsylvania (PA) on the map. In the bottom right corner, there is a dropdown menu titled "Select State" with a list of states: Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, and Tennessee. A red arrow points to "Pennsylvania" in the dropdown list.

Step 5: Narrow your search results by selecting “First Responder Resources” under “Subtopic(s)” on the left side of the page.

The screenshot shows the Disability.gov search results page. On the left, the 'Your Search Criteria' section lists: Topic: Emergency Preparedness, Location: Pennsylvania, and Location: National. Below this, the 'Narrow Your Results' section has 'Subtopic(s)' selected, with 'First Responder Resources' highlighted by a red arrow. The main content area shows 'Your Search Results' with 175 items matched. A yellow box contains a tip: 'Did you get too many search results? You can narrow your search results by choosing from the options under Topic(s), Audience(s), Disability Type(s) or Location(s) on the left side of the page.' The first result is 'Emergency Preparedness Tips for People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing', which is also marked as a 'Disability.gov Recommended' result. Below it, a 'National' section lists 'Just in Case – Emergency Readiness for Older Adults & Caregivers'.

Step 6: You can further narrow your search results by selecting a “Disability Type” (e.g., Deaf or Hard of Hearing) on the left side of the page.

This screenshot shows the same search results page as Step 5, but with further narrowing. In the 'Narrow Your Results' section, 'Disability Type(s)' is selected, and 'Deaf or Hard of Hearing' is highlighted by a red arrow. The main content area now shows 17 items matched. The first result is 'Dealing with Disabilities – Tips for First Responders', marked as a 'Disability.gov Recommended' result. Below it, a 'National' section lists 'Disaster Preparedness Tips for Emergency Management Personnel'. The second 'National' section lists 'Orientation Manual on the Evacuation of People with Disabilities', which is also marked as a 'Disability.gov Recommended' result.

Scenario #3

I am an emergency planner, and I want to use the **Search Box** to find both national and state resources that will help me understand how to take the needs of people with disabilities into consideration when planning for emergencies.

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Step 2: Type a word or phrase, such as emergency planning for people with disabilities, into the Search Box, located at the top of the home page. Then, click the Search button, located to the right of the Search Box.



The screenshot shows the Disability.gov search box. The search box contains the text "emergency planning for people with disabilities" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the search box is a red "Search" button with a white arrow pointing left. The background shows the top part of the Disability.gov homepage, including the logo and the "What Does Disability.gov Do?" and "How to Use This Site" links.

Step 3: If you want to narrow your results, select “Emergency Preparedness” from the “Topic(s)” menu on the left side of the page.

The screenshot shows a search results page with a sidebar on the left titled "Narrow Your Results". The sidebar has four main sections: "Topic(s)", "Location(s)", "Audience(s)", and "Disability Type(s)". Under "Topic(s)", "Emergency Preparedness" is selected, indicated by a red arrow. The main content area is titled "Your Search Results" and shows 154 items matched. A search bar contains the text "emergency planning for people with disabilities" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there is a yellow box with text: "Did you get too many search results? You can narrow your search results by choosing from the options under Topic(s), Audience(s), Disability Type(s) or Location(s) on the left side of the page." Below this, there are several search results, including "Disability.gov Recommended" and "Get a Plan! Emergency Preparedness & People with Disabilities".

Step 4: You can further narrow your results by selecting “Including People with Disabilities When Planning for Emergencies” under “Subtopic(s)” on the left side of the page.

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Step 5: You can further narrow your results by selecting a location, such as Pennsylvania, from the “Location(s)” menu on the left side of the page.

You can also select an Audience from the “Audience(s)” menu on the left side of the page.

The screenshot displays the search results interface on My Disability.gov. On the left, the 'Your Search Criteria' panel shows the search topic as 'Emergency Preparedness' and the subtopic as 'Including People with Disabilities when Planning for Emergencies'. Below this, the 'Narrow Your Results' section features two filter menus: 'Location(s)' and 'Audience(s)'. The 'Location(s)' menu lists Minnesota, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee, with a red arrow pointing to 'Pennsylvania'. The 'Audience(s)' menu lists Caregivers, Children & Youth, Employers & Human Resources, and Specialists, with a red arrow pointing to 'Caregivers'. The main search results area shows the search query 'emergency planning for people with disabilities' and indicates that 26 items match. The first result is 'Saving Lives: Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning', a report from the National Council on Disability (NCD). The second result is 'Effective Emergency Preparedness Planning: Addressing the Needs of Employees with Disabilities', a fact sheet from the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). The third result is 'Functional Needs of People with Disabilities: A Guide for Emergency Managers, Planners & Responders', a guide for emergency planners and responders. Red arrows also point to the search criteria and the search button.