**Info, Articles and Reports:**

[**CDC Social Vulnerability Index**](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/fact_sheet/pdf/GRASP-Social-Vulnerability-Index-v10262022.pdf)  Every community must prepare for and respond to hazardous events, whether a natural disaster like a tornado or disease outbreak, or a human-made event such as a harmful chemical spill. A number of factors, including poverty, lack of access to transportation, and crowded housing may weaken a community’s ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in a disaster. These factors are known as **social vulnerability.** [**Interactive Map**](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/interactive_map.html)

[**Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness**](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_128_092820_DGH_4pp_web_dAf.pdf)A simple guide from Listos, with information on what to do in a flood or an earthquake, where to find shelter and other assistance. Also available in [*Spanish*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_133_100220_DGH_web_ES_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Vietnamese*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_137_100220_DGH_web_VI_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Chinese*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_138_100220_DGH_web_ZH_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Tagalog*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_134_100220_DGH_web_FIL_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Korean*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_136_100220_DGH_web_KO_dAf.pdf) *and* [*Hmong*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_135_100220_DGH_web_HMN_dAf.pdf)

**[Floods’ Worst Ravages Will Be Visited Upon California’s Poorest](https://capitalandmain.com/floods-worst-ravages-will-be-visited-upon-californias-poorest)** [1/6/23](https://capitalandmain.com/floods-worst-ravages-will-be-visited-upon-californias-poorest)

The worst of California’s flood woes, both this month and into the long future, will be visited upon the state’s poorest residents. These are the workers and families who often live in affordable housing units or lower-cost rentals placed in some of the highest-risk areas for flooding, housing that was often built poorly (or cheaply) in the first place.

**[Recovery on the Frontlines of Disaster](https://partnershipfornewamericans.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/On-The-Frontlines-of-Relief-and-Recovery.pdf)** [10/22-](https://partnershipfornewamericans.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/On-The-Frontlines-of-Relief-and-Recovery.pdf) A rapid response toolkit for immigrant and refugee organizations responding to extreme weather

# [**Serving the Hardest Hit - Centering People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning and Response Efforts**](https://www.americanprogress.org/article/serving-hardest-hit/) 9/24/18 As extreme weather events increase in frequency and intensity, local and federal leaders must ensure that people with disabilities are central to all emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

[**Why California’s Climate Change and Housing Crisis Hit Women the Hardest**](https://capitalandmain.com/why-californias-climate-change-and-housing-crises-hit-women-hardest) 1/13/23 Historically, housing has been designed to meet the needs of the traditional nuclear family or self-sufficient individuals living alone or in couples, with little consideration given to elderly or disabled people, or the needs of caregivers or multigenerational families.

**Accessibility**

[**American Red Cross – Disaster Safety for People with Disabilities**](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/inclusive-preparedness-resources.html)

Mobility, hearing, learning, or seeing disabilities can create specific needs that individuals need to address to be able to respond to an emergency. We urge everyone to become “Red Cross Ready” for any urgent situation, which means assembling a [survival kit](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html), making an [emergency plan](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/make-a-plan.html), and [being informed](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/be-informed.html). In addition, people with and without disabilities, as well as those in their support networks, may benefit from the tips below about managing communications, equipment, service animals, pets and home hazards.

[**Disability Rights in Shelters and in Disaster/Emergency Response**](https://disasterstrategies.org/your-rights-in-a-disaster/)3/6/22

[en Español](https://disasterstrategies.org/sus-derechos-en-un-desastre/)

You have a right to an accessible shelter, effective communication, transportation and you should not be separated from your family / support system.

# [**Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST) Program**](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/Documents/FAST_Program%20Description.pdf) A FAST member is trained to conduct assessments of shelter clients and facilitate the process of getting essential resources needed by individuals who have disabilities and/or access and functional needs (AFN). These resources may include durable medical equipment (DME), consumable medical supplies (CMS), prescribed medications, and/or a person to assist with essential activities of daily living.

[**Guide to Planning Accessible Meetings**](https://www.adainfo.org/hospitality/accessible-meetings-events-conferences-guide/#tab2)2023 Update We share this work, which will continue to be updated to best serve the needs of planners, and help ensure that all meeting participants are fully engaged and have equal opportunities to contribute to public discourse, learning, and advancement.

[**Web Accessibility Checker**](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/improve-accessibility-with-the-accessibility-checker-a16f6de0-2f39-4a2b-8bd8-5ad801426c7f) **-** This is for Microsoft products but there are links to similar tools for other platforms.

**​Mental Health**

[**Bill Wilson Center for Living with Dying -**](https://www.billwilsoncenter.org)With an emphasis on ending youth and family homelessness, BWC programs focus on building self-confidence and developing personal assets so youth and families can permanently change the direction of their lives.

[**Coping with Grief after a Disaster or Traumatic Event**](https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma17-5035.pdf)**-** This[**tip sheet**](https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma17-5035.pdf)from SAMHSAcontains information about grief, the grieving process, and what happens when the process is interrupted and complicated. It also offers tips and resources for coping.

[**Wellbeing & Suicide Prevention Resources for the LGBTQ+ Community**](https://www.avenidas.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/LGBTQ-Well-being-Suicide-Prevention-Resources-New-Flyer.pdf) Resource list from the Santa Clara County Department of Behavioral Health

**Immigrants**

# [**Citizenship and FEMA Eligibility**](https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/citizenship-and-fema-eligibility-0) – Undocumented immigrants may still apply for partial government assistance if another member of the household is a US Citizen or qualified alien.

[**Disaster Assistance Services for Immigrants**](https://oir.sccgov.org/sites/g/files/exjcpb1026/files/DisasterGuide4immigrants%20final.pdf) – 2018 Guide from the Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations. It provides detailed information about various types of local, state, and federal, disaster assistance services available for immigrants before, during and after an emergency. [Vietnamese](https://www.cadresv.org/wp-content/uploads/7-19-SCC-Immigrant-Disaster-GuideVIETNAMESE.pdf)  [Chinese](https://www.cadresv.org/wp-content/uploads/7-19-SCC-Immigrant-Disaster-Guide-CHINESE.pd_.pdf) [Tagalog](https://www.cadresv.org/wp-content/uploads/7-19-SCC-Immigrant-Disaster-GuideTAGALOG.pdf)

[**Immigrantinfo.org/Disaster**](https://immigrantinfo.org/emergency-disaster/) Links to local, state and national information and resources for immigrants, refugees, and other non-citizens, their service providers and advocates.

[**Replacing Immigration Documents**](https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/replacing_immigration_documents_final.pdf) - It is important to maintain valid immigration documents. Unfortunately, when unexpected natural disasters such as fires, floods, or earthquakes occur, documents may be destroyed or lost. This can leave you unprotected and vulnerable without a way to travel, verify authorization to work, prove U.S. citizenship, identify yourself, or check on pending applications. Below is information on the process to request replacement documents, what evidence you will need to file, and the associated filing fees.

[**USCIS: Relief Available to Customers Affected by Disasters or Extreme Situations**](http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/special-situations) When requested, the USCIS may offer immigration relief measures to people affected by natural catastrophes and other extreme situations. These might include Extensions & Changes of Status, document replacement, fee waiver, or Employment Authorization. For more information call the National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283. [Spanish](https://www.uscis.gov/es/noticias/alivio-de-inmigracion-en-circunstancias-imprevistas)

[**Disaster Rights Info for CA Immigrants**](https://baylegal.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/DisasterAssistanceGuideforImmigrantCaliforniansFinal.pdf) 1/19/23

Description of basic laws and rules that protect immigrant access to disaster relief resources and information.

**Current Disaster Information**

[**AlertSCC.org**](https://emergencymanagement.sccgov.org/AlertSCC)

Register to receive Santa Clara County emergency alerts in your area

[**MyShake**](https://myshake.berkeley.edu)

This free app gives 10 to 20 seconds warning before the shaking starts in a major earthquake – time to get down off a ladder, move away from a window, or pull over if you’re driving.

[**CADRE (Community Agencies Disaster Relief Effort)**](http://www.CADRESV.org)

A collaboration of Santa Clara County faith-based organizations and service providers. Focus is on facilitating preparation and coordinated response to disasters, resource and information sharing to minimize disruptions of service to vulnerable populations. [**Home Earthquake Safety translated materials.**](https://cadresv.org/earthquake/)

[**CA Office of Emergency Services Storm Recovery Info**](https://news.caloes.ca.gov/2023-winter-storms-recovery/)

Santa Clara County is included in the CA State Disaster Declaration, but no local assistance centers have been scheduled.

[**Crisis Cleanup**](https://www.crisiscleanup.org) – Website to coordinate organizations with cleanup volunteers with requests for assistance. The public can call the **Hotline 844-965-1386 through Friday, January 27th to make requests**. Website will be available indefinitely to allow cleanup crews to coordinate. Ability to assist depends on the number of volunteers available in any area.

[**FEMA Individual Assistance**](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4683)

* **[FEMA en Español](https://www.fema.gov/es/disaster/4683)**
* [**ASL – 3 Ways to register for FEMA Assistance**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw)

**Available in CA counties included in the Federal 2023 Winter Storm Disaster Declaration -** \*Calaveras \*Merced \*Monterey \*Sacramento \*San Joaquin \*San Luis Obispo \*Santa Barbara \*Santa Cruz

**Santa Clara County has not yet been included**, but expected to appeal when damage assessments are complete.

[**SBA – Small Business Administration**](disasterloanassistance.sba.gov) Apply online or call **Customer service 1800-659-2955** Low interest loans for disaster impacted businesses, homeowners, renters in counties with federal declarations

# [**United Policyholders**](https://uphelp.org/disaster-recovery-help/2023-ca-storms/) 2023 California Storms – Insurance Claim and Recovery Help

[**Replacing Vital Records**](https://beta.usa.gov/replace-vital-documents)Rules for replacing government-issued ID cards vary. Many require you to show an official document, like your birth certificate. This proves your identity or citizenship.

[**Climate Change Impacts Across California -** **Crosscutting Issues**](https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4575#:~:text=A%20changing%20climate%20presents%20California,erosion%20from%20sea‑level%20rise.)

A changing climate presents California with five key climate hazards: (1) higher temperatures and extreme heat events, (2) more severe wildfires, (3) more frequent and intense droughts, (4) flooding due to extreme precipitation events, and (5) coastal flooding and erosion from sea‑level rise. These hazards will threaten public health, safety, and well‑being—including from life‑threatening events, damage to public and private property and infrastructure, and impaired natural resources.

**Diversity Resources:**

[**Billy DeFrank LGBTQ Community Center**](http://www.defrank.org)

Resources, Services and Support for Santa Clara County LGBTQ community

[**Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness**](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_128_092820_DGH_4pp_web_dAf.pdf)A simple guide from Listos, with information on what to do in a flood or an earthquake, where to find shelter and other assistance. Also available in [*Spanish*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_133_100220_DGH_web_ES_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Vietnamese*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_137_100220_DGH_web_VI_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Chinese*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_138_100220_DGH_web_ZH_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Tagalog*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_134_100220_DGH_web_FIL_dAf.pdf)*,* [*Korean*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_136_100220_DGH_web_KO_dAf.pdf) *and* [*Hmong*](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/508_LIS_135_100220_DGH_web_HMN_dAf.pdf)

[**Center for Parent Information & Resources**](https://www.parentcenterhub.org)

Directory for parents of children with disabilities

**[Parents Helping Parents, Inc.](http://www.php.com)**

Support for parents of children with disabilities

**Santa Clara County** [**Division of Equity and Social Justice (DESJ) departments**](https://desj.sccgov.org/resources-and-reports/available-resources) – The DESJ is a partner with many organizations to provide information, resources and leadership in efforts to assist the most marginalized individuals within the county. The DESJ is in the process of collecting available resource information to create guides that can be distributed to the community.

* [Office of Immigrant Relations](https://oir.sccgov.org/home" \o "Office of Immigrant Relations - Resources)
* [Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement](https://laborstandards.sccgov.org/workers/county-resources" \o "Office of Immigrant Relations - Resources)
* [Office of Women’s Policy](https://womenspolicy.sccgov.org/about-us" \o "Office of Women’s Policy - Resources)
* [Office of Gender Based Violence Prevention](https://endviolence.sccgov.org/need-assistance/resources-survivors-during-covid-19-crisis)
* [Office of LGBTQ Affairs](https://lgbtq.sccgov.org/resources" \o "Office of LGBTQ Affairs - Resources​)

[**Silicon Valley Independent Living Center**](https://svilc.org/)  Silicon Valley Independent Living Center (SVILC) is a nonprofit, non-residential organization that provides free services to all persons with disabilities of all ages who seek services to help further their independence in Santa Clara County.

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