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**City of Fort Worth
Emergency
Preparedness Services
for Citizens with
Functional Needs**

- Deaf Link - AHAS Program
- Nixle
- SNAP
- Smoke Detector Program



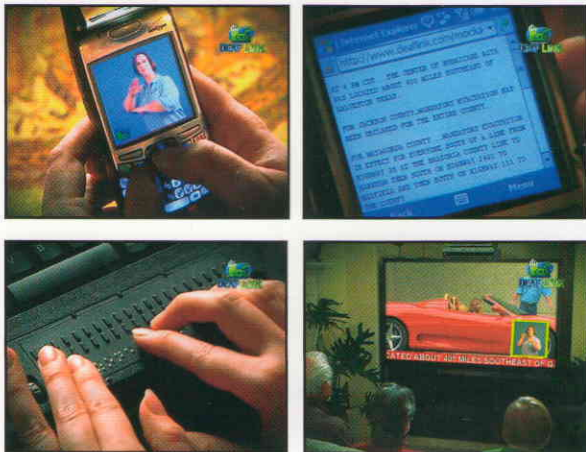


The City of Fort Worth has partnered with Deaf Link to provide Accessible Hazard Alert System (AHAS) for blind, deaf and hard of hearing residents of Fort Worth.

The AHAS service sends alerts to internet and video capable devices such as computers, cell phones, I-Pads and wireless Braille readers. Alerts are offered in American Sign Language (ASL), English voice and text.

Residents can register for this service by clicking on the <http://ftwahas.deafink.com> link, located on the City of Fort Worth Fire Department website, <http://fortworthtexas.gov/fire/> or call (817) 392-6170.

This service, as provided by the City of Fort Worth, will only be available to residents living in City of Fort Worth zip codes.



To start receiving emergency information during severe weather, natural or man-made disasters.

Register with Nixle today!

Once registered, you will get updates via e-mail or text messages from the City of Fort Worth Public Safety and government organizations near where you live, work or play. Don't wait, sign up for this free service!

Fort Worth residents can sign up for this service at www.nixle.com or text your zip code to 888777.



Special Needs Assistance Program

The Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) is a database used by Emergency Management personnel to register residents with special needs so they can better plan for disasters. Anyone who has a special condition that might require assistance in the event of emergency or disaster is considered special needs.

Information gathered includes name, gender, age, weight, address, primary language and specific special needs. By having this information, Fort Worth emergency planners and first responders will be better prepared to respond to an emergency or disaster.

Residents may register on-line at www.snapforyou.org or by calling the Fort Worth Emergency Management Office at 817-392-6144 or 817-392-6170.

Registration must be renewed annually.



The City of Fort Worth Fire Department Smoke Detector Program offers free **visual fire alarm** for deaf and hard of hearing residents.

To qualify you must:

- Live in the City of Fort Worth
- Own your home*
- Fill out an application
- Have a substantial hearing loss that requires the use of a visual fire alarm and proper documentation from your doctor.

For more information please contact
Fire Safety Education Office
Phone: (817) 392-6862

Smoke.Detector@fortworthtexas.gov

* Residents who rent an apartment or lease a house, request should be provided to landlord.

Landlords – SB 1715 Texas Law required.
For more information on SB 1715, contact **www.disabilityrightstx.org** or Texas Apartment Association.



FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST for people with functional needs

Develop a Home Fire Safety Escape Plan

- Inform others of your functional needs
- Inform family members, building manager, or neighbors about your fire safety plan and practice it with them.
- Know at least two exits from every room and out of every building
- If you use a walker or wheelchair, check all exits to be sure you get through the doorways.
- Make any necessary accommodations, such as providing exit ramps and widening doorways, to facilitate an emergency escape.
- Keep a phone near your bed and be ready to call 911 or your local emergency number if a fire occurs.

Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms

- People with functional needs should be aware of special fire safety devices that are available, such as smoke alarms with a vibrating pad or flashing light for the deaf or hard of hearing.
- Smoke alarm batteries need to be tested every month and changed at least once a year. If you can't reach the test button on your smoke alarm, ask someone to inspect it for you.

*The Fort Worth Fire Department and
The Office of Emergency Management
developed this brochure to inform you
about city services that are available to
our special populations such as older
adults, people with disabilities, deaf, hard
of hearing, deaf-blind, late-deafened,
blind and visually impaired.*

*To learn more about these services, fire
safety tips, and how to prepare for an
emergency or disaster please
visit our website*

***www.fortworthtexas.gov/fire/ and
www.fortworthtexas.gov/emol***

We hope you find this information helpful



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