

Texas Department of State Health Services

Emergency Communication Picture Communication Aid

Best way to communicate with me is:	Interpreter	Texting	Writing		Lip-read		cannot p-read	Assistive Listening Device
Yes	Name	Good	Headach	he	Rash		xygen 0 ₂	Food/Drink
No	I, me	Bad	Cold		Sore Throat	A	ervice nimal	Bathroom
Emergency 911	You	Help	Hot †		Nausea	Hea	ring Aid	Phone
Who	We PP	Hurt	Pain		Cough		Loud (i))	Identification
Where	He	Sick	Can't Breathe		Medication (IIII)	W	/alker	Charge
What	She	Worried	Fever		Glasses	Dis	sability	Pet
When	They	Scared	Dizzy		Wheelchair	A	llergy (a) [S] (d)	Trans- portation
Why	Family	Lost ?	Runny No	ose	Cane	Pr	egnant	Hospital
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Tabla de comunicación con imágenes para emergencias

Contraseña del Wi-fi

La mejor manera de comunicarse conmigo es:	Intérprete	Mensajes de texto	Escribir	Lectura de labios	No puedo leer labios	Dispositivo de asistencia auditiva
Sí	Nombre	Bien	Dolor de cabeza	Sarpullido	Oxígeno Oxígeno	Comida o bebida
No	Yo	Mal	Frío	Dolor de garganta	Animal de servicio	Baño Å
Emergencia 911	Usted	AYUDA	Calor	Náuseas	Audífono	Teléfono
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Qué	Ella	Preocupado	Fiebre	Anteojos	Discapacidad	Mascota
Cuándo	Ellos	Asustado	Mareado	Silla de ruedas	Alergia	Transporte
Por qué	Familia	Perdido	Secreción nasal	Bastón	Embarazada	Hospital

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¿Cuál es la noticia?

¿Pueden entrar mis

mascotas conmigo?

Busco a alguien.



Emergency Communication American Sign Language Communication Aid

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Tabla de comunicación en lengua de señas estadounidense para emergencias

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Contras del Wi-			Servicio de interpretación remota por video				

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How to Use the Emergency Communication Aid

For Emergency Responders



In a disaster, clear communication is vital. The Emergency Communication Aid helps people with communication barriers effectively express their needs to emergency responders. Use this guide to determine how to communicate with individuals, ensuring that everyone can access the support they need when it matters most.

For additional assistance with the Emergency Communication Aid, please scan the QR code to email us at:



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Identify how the person prefers to communicate.

Ask questions one at a time that can easily be answered with a YES or NO response, such as:

- Can you show me how you say YES?
- Can you show me how you say NO?
- Can you show me how you point to something or someone you want?
- Is there someone here who can help me communicate with you?
- Do you have a communication board, communication book, or a speech generating device?
- Did you bring it with you?
- If they indicates YES, ask them where it is and help them retrieve it. If they indicate NO, show them the Emergency Communication Aid.





And remember:

- Take time to listen carefully.
- Give the person extra time to respond.
- Remember to ask simple questions that can be answered with a YES or NO.



Helpful Tips for Emergency Responders



The Emergency Communication Aid can help ensure that individuals are heard and their needs are addressed. To get the most out of this tool, consider the following key practices below to enhance your interactions and support during emergencies.



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Ensure Familiarity

Before a disaster, familiarize the individual with the communication aid and practice using it regularly.



Patience and Understanding

Allow the individual time to select the appropriate picture or symbol and be patient with their communication process.



Clear Instructions

When interacting with someone using the communication aid, provide clear instructions and point to options on the aid to guide them.



Interpreter, if Needed

If the individual requires additional support, consider using an interpreter or someone familiar with the communication aid.



How to Use the Emergency Communication Aid

For the Individual



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Before a disaster, become familiar with the communication aid and practice using it.



Keep the communication aid in your emergency preparedness kit.



Tell the emergency responder how you want to communicate. (Ex: pointing, gestures, nods, sounds, eye gaze, and eye blinks.)



When you need to ask or answer a question, indicate to the picture on the communication aid that represents your message.



Use the alphabet to spell out words not on the communication aid.



