

## State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

The STEAR program is a voluntary free registry for Texans of any age that needs additional assistance during an emergency event due to a disability, functional and/or access need or lack of transportation for evacuation. This information provides local emergency planners and responders with information about the needs of individuals in their community.

Established by Executive Order RP57 requiring the establishment and implementation of a data base to assist in evacuations during an emergency event. Registrants are required to re-register every January and all information will be kept confidential.

Three statute requirements include; The Health and Safety Codes, chapter 242.0395 and 247.0275 requires that nursing homes and assisted living facilities must register with the Texas Information and Referral Network; The Health and Safety, chapter 142.0201, requires home and community support agencies to assist their clients with registering for disaster evacuation assistance through 2-1-1 services; Emergency Preparedness Planning and Implementation of the Texas administrative Code, Title 40, Part 1, chapter 97, Subchapter C, Division 3, Rule 97.256, requires that if a home and community support services agency identifies a client who may need evacuation assistance, agency personnel must provide the client with the amount of assistance the client requests to complete the STEAR registration.

### Who should register?

- People with disabilities
- People with access or functional needs such as limited mobility, communication barriers, medical assistance, transportation needs and /or personal care assistance.

### How to register:

- Online at <https://STEAR.dps.texas.gov>
- Dial 2-1-1
- Electronic/Paper Forms can be found at; <http://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/stear/local/htm>

### Information required to register:

- Name
- Physical address
- Phone Number
- Primary Language

### Additional Vital Information:

- Emergency Contact Information
- Caregiver Information
- Pets
- Transportation assistance for home evacuation
- Communication Barriers
- Disability, functional or Medical Needs

STEAR Information once gathered will be provided to local governments for use in developing emergency management plans for their preparedness and response plans. Registration does not guarantee assistance and individuals need to have a personal emergency plan in place.

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