



THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The City of Edgewater, Colorado will not discriminate against an individual with a disability in connection with participation in services and activities provided in the development, implementation, and execution of the City of Edgewater emergency management plan. The City of Edgewater will ensure that in every aspect, facet, and feature in its emergency management plan will give consideration to any potential barriers that might exclude or limit the opportunity for people with disabilities to participate in and benefit from the City of Edgewater emergency management plan. This policy extends to any and all public or private entities and organizations in conjunction with the City of Edgewater managed response to emergent situations.

In accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and disability civil rights laws, every reasonable effort will continue to be made to address the potential challenges of coordinating access and functional needs support following an incident.

The City of Edgewater recognizes that emergency management is wide-ranging. It includes all programs, services, and activities related to emergencies and disasters, including, but not limited to the following:

- Preparation – advance planning for emergencies and disasters
- Notification – alerting the public to emergencies and disasters and to available programs, services, and activities
- Ensuring the functional operation of reverse 9-1-1, including texting capacity, and captioned warning announcements on websites
- Provision for services necessary for effective communication at all planned emergency shelters
- Community Evacuation and Transportation
- Emergency Shelter
- Social Services and Emergency and Disaster-Related Benefit Programs
- Emergency Medical Care and Services
- Emergency food, water, and medical supplies
- Transition and Transportation Back to the Community Following an Emergency or Disaster
- Emergency and Disaster Recovery Services
- Remediation of Damage Caused by Emergencies and Disasters such as repairing and rebuilding damaged facilities, removing debris, and relocation and reintroduction of state and local government programs, services, and activities following an emergency or disaster.

The City of Edgewater will create a voluntary registry for citizens requiring special assistance because of age or disability, during an emergency. The City of Edgewater will include in its plans to provide the necessary capacity to transport, shelter, and provide any other necessary services for this population.