

Government Legislation/Regulations

To comply with Federal law, those involved in emergency management and shelter planning should understand the concepts of accessibility and non-discrimination and how they apply in emergencies. **No state or local government, or its contractors, in providing services may, by law, policy, or contract, provide services below those standards without violating federal law.*

Federal

Statute	Source
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended	http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/cor/Pubs/olep.php
Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), as amended	http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/cor/coord/titlevistat.php
Executive order 13166: Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English proficiency	http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/cor/Pubs/olep.php
Executive Order 13347: Individuals with Disabilities in Emergency Preparedness	http://www.wbdg.org/ccb/FED/FMEO/eo13347.pdf
Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/FHLaws
Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKEMRA) of 2006	www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/109/s3721
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended	http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/guide/act.htm
Robert T. Stafford Emergency Management and Disaster Assistance Act, Section 308	www.fema.gov/pdf/about/stafford_act.pdf
Telecommunications Act of 1996	http://www.ada.gov/cguide.htm#anchor63109

State: Massachusetts

For information on Disability Rights Laws in Massachusetts see the "Disability Law Booklet 2012" on the Massachusetts Office on Disability website at <http://www.mass.gov/anf/docs/mod/disability-law-booklet-2012-revision.pdf>

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