



Real Emergency Access for Aging and Disability Inclusion for Disasters Act (READI for Disasters Act)

People with disabilities and older adults are two to four times more likely to die or be injured during a disaster.

- Current disaster infrastructure fails 61,000,000 adults with disabilities and more than 47,800,000 adults age 65 or older adults who live in the United States.
- Disproportionate deaths and injuries are a result of preventable barriers to emergency management services and resources including disaster planning, critical evacuation information, accessible shelters and transportation and recovery assistance.

READI for Disasters Act is a bipartisan bill that fills the gaps in disaster preparedness and takes meaningful legislative actions to ensure equal access to disaster resources and services for people with disabilities and older adults.

Bipartisan: READI was introduced in the Senate as S.1755 by Senator Casey (D) and Senator Collins (R) and in the House of Representatives as H.R. 3208 by Congressman Langevin (D) and Congressman Smith (R).

Whole Community Resilience: READI for Disasters Act provides unprecedented opportunities for people with disabilities, older adults, and disability-led organizations to provide guidance, technical assistance, and training for disaster preparedness, recovery, and response at local, regional, and national levels.

Effective Use of Federal Disaster Dollars: READI for Disasters Act includes mechanisms to review and ensure all Federal funds spent in disasters comply with accessibility and civil rights laws.

