

ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments

On December 5, 2006, February 27, 2007, May 7, 2007, and July 26, 2007, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice issued installments of a new technical assistance document designed to assist state and local officials to improve compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in their programs, services, activities, and facilities.

The new technical assistance document is entitled “The ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments.”

The Tool Kit is designed to teach state and local government officials how to identify and fix problems that prevent people with disabilities from gaining equal access to state and local government programs, services, and activities. It will also teach state and local officials how to conduct accessibility surveys of their buildings and facilities to identify and remove architectural barriers to access.

The latest installment of the Tool Kit, issued July 26, 2007, focuses upon emergency management planning, with extended treatment on shelters. The links to this section of the toolkit include:

[Chapter 7, Emergency Management under Title II of the ADA \(HTML\)](#) | [\(PDF\)](#)

[Chapter 7, Addendum 1: Title II Checklist \(Emergency Management\) \(HTML\)](#) | [\(PDF\)](#)

[Chapter 7, Addendum 2: The ADA and Emergency Shelters: Access for All in Emergencies and Disasters \(HTML\)](#) | [\(PDF\)](#)

[Chapter 7, Addendum 3: ADA Checklist for Emergency Shelters \(HTML\)](#) | [\(PDF\)](#)

[Introduction to Appendices 1 and 2 \(HTML\)](#) | [\(PDF\)](#)

While state and local governments are not required to use the ADA Best Practices Tool Kit, the Department encourages its use as one effective means of complying with the requirements of Title II of the ADA.