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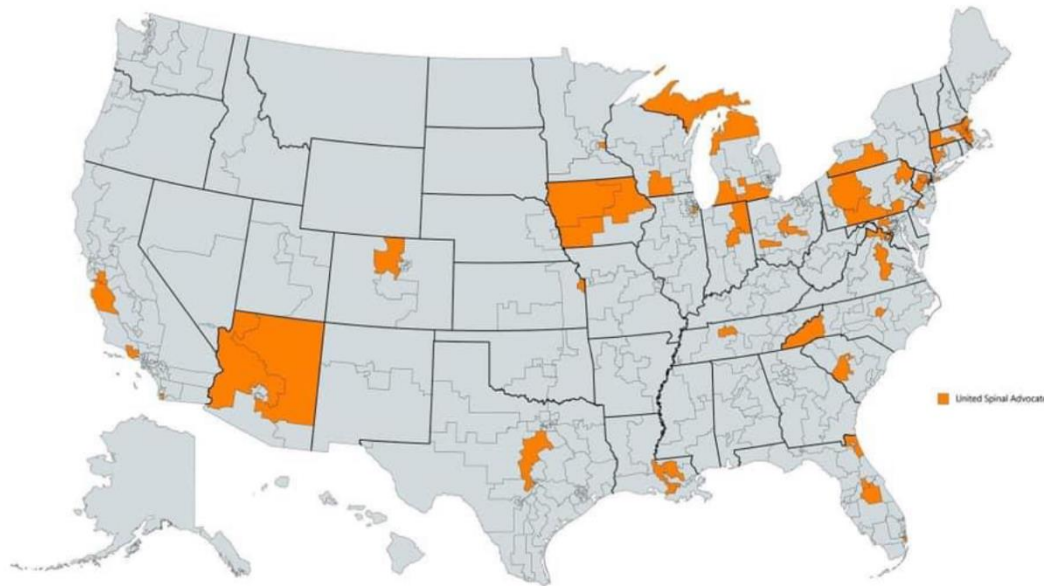
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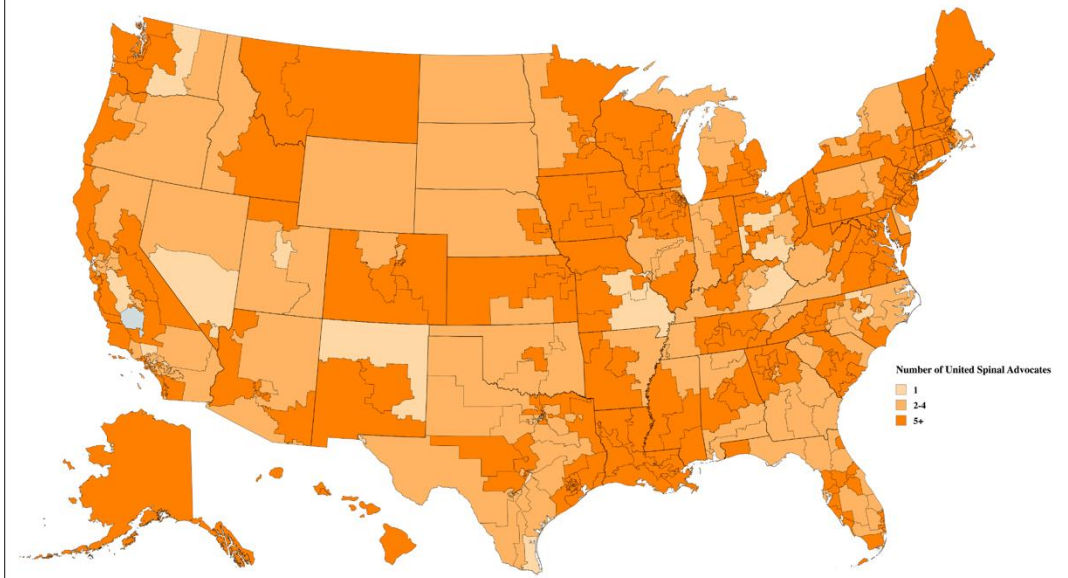
Grassroots Advocacy Manager

Grassroots Advocacy Network

www.unitedspinal.org/advocacy-program



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Grassroots Advocacy Network Registration Form:

<https://unitedspinal.org/grassroots-advocacy-network/>



What Are Our Expectations?

- United Spinal wants every advocate to participate at their own pace
- United Spinal provides many opportunities to get involved
- Anyone can participate so long as they care about the issues facing people with SCI/D and wheelchair users



Become a United Spinal Registered Advocate
Grassroots Advocacy Network Registration Form:
<https://unitedspinal.org/grassroots-advocacy-network/>

Accessible Parking

- Accessible Parking Guide – FREE DOWNLOAD on [Accessible Parking Webpage](#)

Outdoor Access

- Beach Access and Mobility
- Accessible Camping
- Winter Activities and Recreation
- Grants/Funding for Equipment and Recreation
- Water Activities and Recreation (6 resources)
- Accessible Trails
- Planning Inclusive Outdoor Events
- Accessible Outdoor Recreation for Kids
- Accessible Outdoor Photography

Emergency Preparedness (Ready to Roll)

- Hurricane Preparedness for the Disability Community
- Wildfire Emergency Preparedness
- Winter Weather Preparedness (2 Resources)
- General Emergency Preparedness (5 Resources)
- Tornado Preparedness
- Engaging with Your Local Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- Ham Radio and Emergency Preparedness
- Generators
- Safe Rooms Save Lives
- How to Safely Test Your Emergency Prep

Care Support

- Finding and Hiring PCAs
- What We Want Our Caregivers to Know
- Backup Planning for Care Support
- Care Support for Travel
- Care Support for College Students
- Best Practices for Caregivers and Clients
- Service Dogs
- Feeling Guilty
- Mental Health for Caregivers
- What to Put in an Ad to Find Care Support

Accessible Transportation (quarterly)

- WAV in More Cities

Health Access (quarterly)

- Advocacy Tips for Proper Health Access

Working Groups



All Working Group Resources can be found at:

<https://unitedspinal.org/advocacy-resources/>

To participate, please fill out the online form at:

<https://unitedspinal.org/working-groups/>

Emergency Preparedness Working Group

- This working group focuses on emergency preparedness for the SCI/D and wheelchair user community to deal with natural or manmade disasters.
- This group corresponds with the United Spinal Ready to Roll Emergency Preparedness program and serves as a member-led brain trust to ensure that it meets our community's needs.



Working Group Registration Form

<https://unitedspinal.org/working-groups/>

Emergency Preparedness Working Group Resources

<https://unitedspinal.org/category/ablethrive/life-skills/emergency-preparedness/>

Emergency Preparedness Working Group Resources



- Hurricane Preparedness for the Disability Community
- Wildfire Emergency Preparedness
- Winter Weather Preparedness (2 Resources)
 - How to Keep Your Home Warm, Safe, & Cozy
 - Navigating Winter in a Wheelchair
- General Emergency Preparedness (5 Resources)
 - The Wheelchair Emergency Preparedness Compendium You Always Wanted
 - Everything you need to know to create a support network and communication plan
 - Your Power Just Went Out. Now What?
 - How to Build Emergency Preparedness Go-Bags and Stay-at-Home Kits
 - What Can Wheelchair Users Do In An Emergency Evacuation?
- Tornado Preparedness
- Engaging with Your Local Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
- Ham Radio and Emergency Preparedness
- Generators
- Safe Rooms Save Lives
- How to Safely Test Your Emergency Prep
- Accessible Home Fire Safety (Coming Soon!)

Emergency Preparedness Working Group Resources

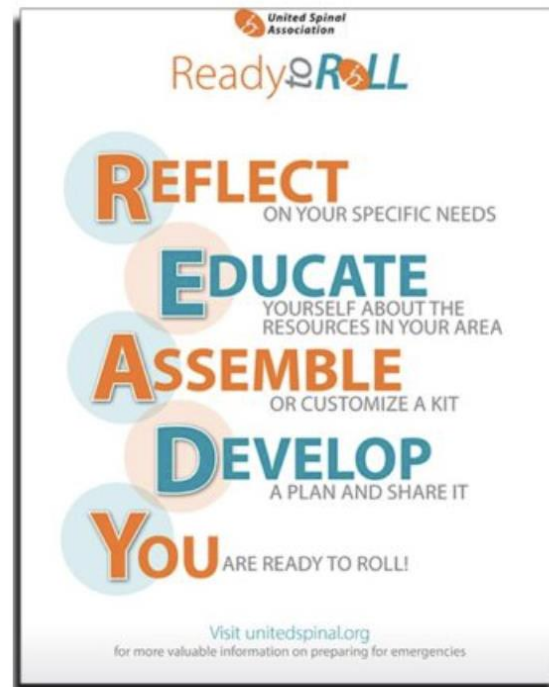
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Ready to Roll Emergency Preparedness Program

United Spinal Association's Ready to Roll: Emergency Preparedness Guide

https://unitedspinal.org/pdf/Ready_to_Roll_Package.pdf



DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE COPY



Ready to Roll Emergency Preparedness Program

<https://unitedspinal.org/ready-to-roll/>



Ready to Roll Disaster Relief Program

- United Spinal Association's Ready to Roll disaster relief program distributes financial support to individuals with SCI affected by natural disasters.
- This funding was made possible by a generous grant from the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation.
- If you've been impacted by a natural disaster, you can apply for disaster relief.



Ready to Roll Disaster Relief Grant
<https://unitedspinal.org/disaster-relief-grant/>

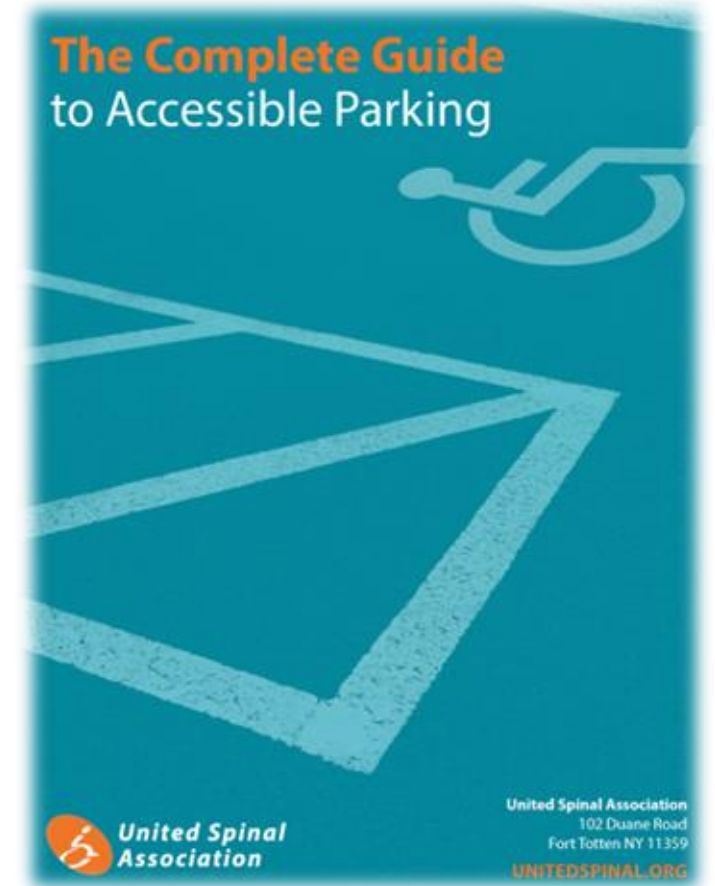
Ready to Roll Disaster Relief Testimonials
<https://unitedspinal.org/ready-to-roll/>

Ready to Roll Disaster Relief Blog
[Helping Wheelchair Users Recover from Disaster, One Grant at a Time](#)

Accessible Parking Working Group



- Download from the Accessible Parking Webpage <https://unitedspinal.org/accessible-parking/>
 - The Complete Guide to Accessible Parking
 - Information for Law Enforcement
 - Accessible Parking Guide One-pager
- Using our collective data to update the minimum number of accessible parking spots in parking lots across the country
- Pregnant Women and Accessible Parking
 - [Advocates Urge More Parking Access for All, Challenge Florida Law Impacting Disability Spaces](#)





Care Support Working Group

Care Support Working Group Resources

<https://unitedspinal.org/tag/care-support/>

- Finding and Hiring PCAs
- What We Want Our Caregivers to Know
- Backup Planning for Care Support
- Care Support for Travel
- Care Support for College Students
- Best Practices for Caregivers and Clients
- Service Dogs
- Feeling Guilty
- Mental Health for Caregivers
- What to Put in an Ad to Find Care Support

The Care Support Webpage

<https://unitedspinal.org/care-support/>

Caregiver Panel: Bridging the Gap

Care Support Webinar: Finding, Hiring, Training, and Retaining Care Support Professionals



Outdoor Access Working Group



Outdoor Access Working Group Resources

<https://unitedspinal.org/tag/outdoor-access/>

- Beach Access and Mobility
- Accessible Camping
- Winter Activities and Recreation
- Grants/Funding for Equipment and Recreation
- Water Activities and Recreation (6 resources)
 - Waterskiing, Wakeboarding, & Tubing
 - Surfing
 - Kayaking
 - Scuba Diving
 - Fishing
 - Sailing
- Accessible Trails
- Outdoor Access Christmas List
- Planning Inclusive Outdoor Events
- Accessible Outdoor Recreation for Kids
- Accessible Outdoor Photography
- Kim Harrison: Camino de Santiago (Coming Soon!)





Accessible Transportation Working Group

- Meets Quarterly
- Resource:
 - [Expanding Access to Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles](#)



Health Access Working Group

- Meets Quarterly
- Resource:
 - [Health Access for Wheelchair Users: Real Experiences and Practical Tips](#)





ADVOCACY IN ACTION:

A Toolkit for the Rolling Revolution



United Spinal
Association

Advocacy Resources and Toolkits

Advocacy Resources Webpage

<https://unitedspinal.org/advocacy-resources/>

Advocacy in Action: A Toolkit for the Rolling Revolution:

<https://unitedspinal.org/advocacy-toolkit/>

Advocacy Program Guide

https://unitedspinal.org/pdf_advocacy/Advocacy_Guide.pdf

State and Local Advocacy Menu

https://unitedspinal.org/pdf_advocacy/Advocacy_Menu.pdf

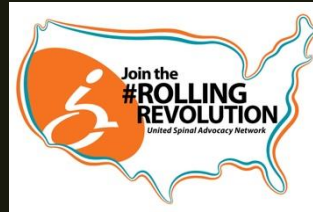


Advocacy Curriculum Advocacy 101: Activate Your Impact



ADVOCACY LIVE

**COME JOIN AND COLLABORATE
WITH OTHER ADVOCATES THE
THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
WITH ALTERNATING TIMES AT
1:00 AND 5:00PM ET**



Advocacy LIVE

Third Tuesday of every month with
alternating times at 1:00 and
5:00PM ET

Advocacy LIVE 1:00PM ET Registration
[https://unitedspinal.org/events/advocacy-
live-at-1pm/](https://unitedspinal.org/events/advocacy-live-at-1pm/)

Advocacy LIVE 5:00PM ET Registration
[https://unitedspinal.org/events/advocacy-
live-at-5pm/](https://unitedspinal.org/events/advocacy-live-at-5pm/)



THANK YOU!

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