



DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT

# After a Hurricane

## Your Housing and Shelter Rights

If you have a disability, there are laws to protect you so that you can go to the same places and enjoy the same things as any other person. It is important to know that you have these rights even if you have to leave your home and go to a shelter.

### The ADA is the law that protects you when you need to stay in a Hotel or Shelter

This means:

- You must be able to go into the shelter and hotel and have what you need while you are there.
- A shelter or hotel cannot refuse your service animal.
- You do not need to have a driver's license to stay at a hotel or shelter. You can use another ID.

### The FHA is the law that protects you if your house is damaged by the storm

This means:

- You can end your lease right away if damage from the storm makes it hard for you to return to or use your home.<sup>1</sup>
- If you are staying in emergency housing (provided by FEMA or a government agency) and have trouble entering or using your emergency housing, the agency will have to fix it for you.

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For more information about the Disaster Recovery Project, visit [DisabilityRightsNC.org](https://DisabilityRightsNC.org), or call (919) 856-2195

1 Please see DRNC's fact sheet "After a Hurricane: Housing and Shelter Rights Information for People with Disabilities (Part 3)" for an example letter