

Disaster Acronym Guide

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACRONYMS

AMR	American Medical Response
ARC	American Red Cross
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CERT	Community Emergency Response Team
DOH	Department of Health
DUA	Disaster Unemployment Assistance
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EMS	Division of Emergency Medical Services
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HHS	Department of Health & Human Services
ICS	Incident Command System
PIO	Public Information Officer
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile
TDMHSAS	Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
TDOH	Tennessee Department of Health
TEMA	Tennessee Emergency Management Agency
VOAD	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

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DISABILITY RELATED ACRONYMS

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADHD	Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Connection
AIDD	Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
APS	Adult Protective Services
Arc	The Arc (formerly, The Association for Retarded Children)
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorders
ASL	American Sign Language
AT	Assistive Technology
B	Blind
CC	Closed Caption
CIL	Center for Independent Living
CPS	Child Protective Services
D	Deaf
DB	Deaf Blind
DCS	Department of Children's Services
DIDD	Dept of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
DME	Durable Medical Equipment
HOH or HH	Hard of Hearing
ICF/ID	Intermediate Care Facility for People with Intellectual Disabilities
ID	Intellectual Disability (formerly Mental Retardation)
IDD	Intellectual/Developmental Disability
MH/MI	Mental Health/Mental Illness
MR*	Mental Retardation (now ID for Intellectual Disability) *not preferred language
OCR	Office of Civil Rights
OT	Occupational Therapy
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PT	Physical Therapy
RMHI	Regional Mental Health Institute
SLP	Speech Language Pathologist (provides speech therapy)
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TADRC	The Aging and Disability Resource Connection
TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
TCAD	Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disabilities
TEIS	TN Early Intervention System
TN CDD	Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
TTY/TDD	Text Telephone/Telecommunications Device for the Deaf
UCEDD	University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
VI	Visually Impaired
VP	Video Phone
VR/TRC	Vocational Rehabilitation/TN Rehabilitative Center
WIC	Women, Infants, and Children

