

Patient Advocates Program Telephone Teach-ins

We invite you to participate in our FREE phone conference teach-in

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Time: 10:00 am—11:00 am

Dial-in Number: 1-712-832-8300

Password: 6258645



Theme: Preparing for and Recovering from Disasters: What Older Persons and Caregivers Need to Know.

Speaker: Kristin Devoe, Director of Public Information, NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Session Overview:

Older persons are at high risk during any natural disaster. For example, during Hurricane Katrina approximately 70 percent of the fatalities were over 65 years of age and this fall the flooding and power outages from Hurricane Irma caused the deaths of many nursing home residents in Florida.

It is critical that elderly, caregivers, and aging service providers learn about disaster preparedness and engage with the emergency response network to help prepare for potential disasters.

Fortunately, there are many resources in New York State to help older persons. This session will provide valuable information on disaster preparedness.

In this session you will learn about:

- How to participate in free NY Citizen Preparedness courses that are offered and how to find out about ones that are available in your region.
- What to include in a Personal Emergency Response Kit.
- Important steps that older persons and caregivers can take to be better prepared for a disaster or emergency (snow storms, floods, excessive heat periods, etc.).
- How to avoiding scams during the disaster recovery phase.
- Who to contact at a local or regional level to get assistance during a disaster.
- How the aging network can work together with emergency response agencies in their area.



Mark Your Calendar

- » UPCOMING EVENTS
- » ALL TEACH-INS WILL RUN FROM 10:00—11:00 AM.

Upcoming Sessions:

April 24: Appeals of Durable Medical Equipment Coverage Decisions for Medicare Beneficiaries

May 22: Lyme Disease and Older Persons: Prevention, Detection and Treatment

June 18: Health Services of Older Refugees

Caller Instructions and Other Information

- The sessions are in presentation mode but the line will be opened for participant questions and comments after the speaker has finished their presentation.
- Materials from Teach Ins are posted on our website www.nysenior.org
- When on our Web site,
 1. Scroll down to the bottom of the homepage to **Observation Status**.
 2. To the right of the "Get Involved" blue circle, click on "Get More Information"
 3. This will take you to additional information about past Teach ins, powerpoint presentations and other important notes.

Call 1-800-333-4374 to reserve your spot!

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