

**Safe at Home Community Assessment Survey -
Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities**








1. How are you disabled ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Mobility		70.7%	111
Strength / Endurance		63.1%	99
Communication		15.9%	25
Vision		22.9%	36
Manipulation of Objects		19.7%	31
Cognitive Functioning		24.2%	38
Psychological Functioning		12.7%	20
	Other (please specify)		42
		answered question	157
		skipped question	17



2. Where do you live ?

			Response Percent	Response Count
West Side Santa Cruz			21.5%	29
East Side Santa Cruz			21.5%	29
Downtown Santa Cruz			1.5%	2
San Lorenzo Valley (Felton, Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek, Zayante, Lompico)			3.7%	5
Scotts Valley			5.2%	7
Watsonville			22.2%	30
Freedom			4.4%	6
Aptos/Soquel			20.0%	27
Capitola	18	13.3 %	Other (please specify)	21
			answered question	135
			skipped question	39



3. What kind of living situation do you have ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
House, apartment or mobilehome with In Home Support Services		32.0%	54
House, apartment or mobilehome with Family Support		36.1%	61
House, apartment or mobilehome livng alone		32.0%	54
Assisted Living Apartment		1.8%	3
Skilled Nursing Facility		1.8%	3
	Other (please specify)		8
	answered question		169
	skipped question		5



4. Are you able to call for help anytime of the day and get a response?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, always		79.3%	130
No, not always		20.7%	34
	Comment		9
	answered question		164
	skipped question		10

5. Can you always access you medications at home when you need them ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		87.6%	141
No		12.4%	20
	Comment		7
	answered question		161
	skipped question		13

6. Are you able to get adequate food and water throughout the day ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		89.8%	150
No		10.2%	17
	Comment		5
	answered question		167
	skipped question		7



7. Are you always able to access resources in order to get to medical or health appointments ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		87.3%	145
No		12.7%	21
	Comment		9
	answered question		166
	skipped question		8



8. Have you fallen within the last six months ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, 1-3 times		40.1%	67
Yes, 4-7 times		7.8%	13
Yes, more than 7 times		2.4%	4
No		49.7%	83
	Comment		3
	answered question		167
	skipped question		7

9. Do you have wounds that are not healing ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		10.2%	17
No		89.8%	149
	Comment		2
	answered question		166
	skipped question		8

10. Have you had a cellulitis infection ?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		12.7%	20
No		87.3%	137
	Comment		3
	answered question		157
	skipped question		17

Page 3, Q11. In the event of an external disaster (such as earthquake or fire), would you need assistance to evacuate your home ?

- 1 Emergency Assistance in getting out of apartment. Have a live-in female who is bed bound. Needing assistance with wheelchair, Transport away from home.
- 2 Phys. help to get up, and/or help to walk.
- 3 Total care, can not walk etc
- 4 maybe someone to walk me seems like there are ample people here
- 5 Living in a mobile home, it would depend on how much damage and if it took out the steps.
- 6 someone to move me
- 7 Place to stay and help me with things.
- 8 Transport to evacuation center
- 9 I am unable to walk unassisted or drive a car
- 10 I can't read or write. I get confused easily. I do not drive or ride a bike. I would need to be checked on to see if I'm safe (I do not make good decisions about my safety) then be transported to safety if my house was not safe.
- 11 I could not get out a window if the doors were blocked. Too weak.
- 12 I am in a wheelchair
- 13 I no longer drive so I would need help to get me and my cat to shelter/safe place.
- 14 Being on oxygen/day in bed would be difficult depending on location in home
- 15 Wheelchair or gurney or carry out
- 16 We live in a two story house. My husband Ben cannot climb stairs anymore. Has spinal stenosis. We live downstairs.
- 17 Live on third floor. Need help getting down to first floor.
- 18 If I can go in my car, can't walk far
- 19 The appt I live in has special instructions for the fire dept about residents with disabilities, in case of an emergency (fire in particular).
- 20 Neighbors, friends, relatives
- 21 Help getting special things out of house like pets (2 cats)
- 22 Help getting wheelchair down a steep driveway
- 23 help to get my meds, clothes, walking cane, vitals--flashlight, H2O, food, etc.
- 24 Transportation

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- 25 transportation
- 26 Need help getting down from third floor. Unable to walk down 3 flights of stairs.
- 27 Perhaps to open door if damaged or jammed
- 28 a ride
- 29 House not damaged, roadways open, exhaustion/endurance prevents walking too far--no walker or wheelchair
- 30 transportation
- 31 I can walk some but I might need help
- 32 someone to help me physically
- 33 help getting my most valuable possessions out
- 34 someone to carry my cat out in his carrier
- 35 Help to walk, direction and supervision due to dementia
- 36 I could get out but how far w/o oxygen...
- 37 Carrying aid and meds (COPD)
- 38 unable to move from the neck down due to MS
- 39 Transportation to safety or hospital also have older cat who is medical service animal would need help catching/containing her to safety
- 40 I need my family that I live with to help me to safety
- 41 Lifting if wheelchair route were not passable
- 42 a human; respectful, compassionate soul
- 43 help getting down stairs
- 44 Someone to check for gas leaks and turn it off if necessary, someone to help me access my oxygen, someone to get me to a safe location--away from gas, toxins, smoke, radiation.
- 45 Vision very bad! live alone, don't drive. Hearing very bad
- 46 I cannot stand or walk for a long time, but do have a walker and wheelchair available--with notice I can probably get out fairly quickly
- 47 Walking assistance
- 48 Escort me in my wheelchair

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- 49 Many needy people in one facility, just want safety
- 50 Help to get out of my house and to a safe place
- 51 If Electricity is out would not be able to use lift in home.
- 52 If electricity goes out, could walk downstairs very cautiously
- 53 Get out of home, perhaps be transferred to chair
- 54 1. Water supply for livestock and garden and orchard 2. transport documents- files, horses 3. dependable cell phone service our Bonny Doon community (some 5-10k people has no cell/tower)
- 55 Transportation out of the area
- 56 Large animal transportationo, live stock evacuation, we need cell phone coverage!
- 57 I don't have a car or family close by so I would need transportation
- 58 Help turning off gas and water lines and help getting me and my medical supplies out of the house.
- 59 Iwould need to cage my cats and get them outside.
- 60 hope
- 61 I rely on a walker for mobility...if there were physical impediments I am not sure how well I could navigate them. In addition, I am eaasily disoriented. If the landscape radically changed, I think ITS would get lost.
- 62 transportation.
- 63 help choosing and carrying emergency necessities (food, H2O, sleeping bag, clothes, flashlights, etc.)
- 64 Possibly...5 disabled residents live at 11 Glenwood and it's possible for only one or two able-bodied people would be present for evacuation.
- 65 transportation to higher ground
- 66 personal guidance--Blind
- 67 Left foot amputated at arch--no toes right leg amputated below knee must use elevator--I live on third floor and I am 6'2" and 280 lbs.
- 68 Fire: I would not be able to crawl to exit under smoke. Earthquake: If exits are blocked I could not climb over debris. My balance is impaired, therefore I could loose my footing and could not get up
- 69 Verbal Prompts

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- 70 I can transfer myself in and out of bed, and get out of the house, but, may not move quickly enough.
- 71 It depends on the situation, I might need help getting on my wheelchair to get out of my apt, in case of a fire or in case of an earthquake help to get under the table.
- 72 I have a 24 hour supervision, in case of an emergency
- 73 fire,
- 74 HOPEFULLY if either family member was home at that time
- 75 getting down stairs, turning off utilities
- 76 Support staff to help me take cover, access any needed services including transportation, medical, etc